



The Twelve Days of Native Christmas

Director/Writer
Gary Robinson

Gary is a multi-faceted writer and filmmaker of Choctaw and Cherokee Indian descent. He has both B.A. and M.A. degrees in TV/Film production and more than 25 years experience in all aspects of documentary and educational television production, script writing, public relations, journalism and fiction and non-fiction writing. Most of his work has been for or about American Indian tribes, organizations and businesses, creating media materials and television programming on the history, culture and contemporary issues of indigenous peoples. His award-winning programming has been broadcast on PBS, Turner Broadcasting, Ovation Arts Network, as well as many local and regional outlets. Recently some of his writing and production work has focused on the history of American Indian service in the U.S. military from the Revolutionary War to modern times. He currently lives in the Santa Ynez Valley, California.

Illustrator/Producer
Jesse T. Hummingbird

Born in Tahlequah, OK, in 1952, Jesse is a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation . He studied art at the University of Tennessee and the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He established himself as a successful printer, graphic artist, and commercial illustrator before becoming a full time artist in 1983. Jesse pursues both Cherokee and other Native American themes in his acrylic paintings. For inspiration, Jesse draws on several Indian art traditions including the flat Santa Fe style developed in the 1930s and 40s, ancient Mound-builder and Mayan art and the work of 20th century Cherokee artist Cecil Dick. Jesse has won awards for his paintings at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum (Muskogee, OK), Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial (Gallup, NM), The Heard Museum (Phoenix, AZ), St. George Art Festival, Tesoro Foundation Art Market, Pueblo Grande Museum (Phoenix, AZ), and Santa Fe Indian Art Market. His award-winning work has appeared in every major Native American art show across the country and been featured in several children's publications. He currently lives in Bisbee, AZ.