
Ashdúptàako Ishtaxíialúuchish(Steals The Guns From Two Enemy Camps)

Ben Pease, Born in 1989 in Missoula, MT. Pease comes from the Valley of the Chiefs District on the Crow Indian Reservation grew up in Lodge Grass, MT. He is a member of the Big Lodge Clan and a child-of-Big Lodge. Ben is also a Night Hawks Dance Society member, Sweat-Lodge ceremony owner, ancestral medicine paint owner, Sundance sponsor, Sundancer, War-Dancer, and 3-time leader of the Dance of Seasons.



He graduated from Hardin High School and subsequently attended Minot State University on a football scholarship and the Twyman Art Scholarship.

At MSU, he studied under Walter Piehl, a protege of world-renowned artist Fritz Scholder. After meeting his Wife at Minot State University and having their first son, Ben and his family moved to Bozeman, MT. Pease continued his pursuit of art & creativity at Montana State University, where he studied under Rollin Beamish & Sara Mast.

Since then, Ben's work has gained international acclaim and national awards.

His work is recognized in scores of magazines, books, online publications, and social media networks like Western Art Collector Magazine, Southwest Art Magazine, Mountain Living Magazine, Big Sky Journal, Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine, Cowboys & Indians Magazine, National Geographic, University of North Carolina Press, and even various periodicals in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Stuttgart, & Frankfurt. Over the past five years, The Artist has co-founded The Creative Indigenous Collective, Native Youth Art In Action, & Indigenous Peoples' Day Montana.

Recently Ben Pease participated in a large-scale exhibition at the Chicago Field Museum & The University of Chicago's Neubauer Collegium, titled Apsáalooke Women & Warriors. He also was named Artist-of-the-Year in 2020 from the Yellowstone Art Museum's Board of Trustees after completing a 1-year residency at the Museum. Ben, his partner Malisha, and three children Laetus, Quannah & Alúute, currently live in Billings, MT. Pease is now Artist-in-Residence at Rocky Mountain College while also serving with the Native American Outreach program to increase Native American students' attendance. Presently Ben is co-founding a Native American Arts Incubator and consulting while continuing his artistic practice.

Interested parties can view his work online at www.benpeasevisions.com

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