





Name: Iva Morris

Artistic Medium (or media): pastels, prints, oil paintings

Southwest connection: When I was 19, I looked at a map and both Australia and New Mexico looked sufficiently far away. I didn't have the bucks to get to Sydney, so I moved to Albuquerque. That was 26 years ago.

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment: My children. My sanity. Being able to make art some of the time.

What do others likely consider your biggest accomplishment: I guess the fact that I'm still making art, am not on welfare and have a great family.

Favorite artist - why? My friends, Joseph Scheer and Ray Abeyta. One for his dedication and intensity and the latter for his beautiful color and originality in choice of subject matter. Erica Wanenmacher for her ideas – her amazing craftsmanship. As far as the famous guys go – Odd Nerdrum, Rothko and Ingres.

Your biggest inspiration: The place where I live and the people that I love.

If I wasn't an artist, I'd probably be: A successful trial lawyer suing the pants off corporate America and enjoying my Caribbean vacation casa.

Portrait



of an Artist

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