



D.G SMALLING

D.G. Smalling is an internationally acclaimed artist. His work was influenced by the beauty of minimalism, especially as evidenced in Choctaw traditional lifestyle and culture. He is known for his continuous-line paintings – utilizing a single, fluid line to create stunning works of art.

“Abstraction is best,” says Smalling, “when design can sustain being broken down to the most basic element: line.” His work is a reflection of this belief; each canvas is a delicate balance of “maximizing descriptive elements with minimum stroke.”

Smalling refers to his current work as “southeastern neo-hieroglyphics,” a modern approach to the hieroglyphic art of his Choctaw ancestors. It’s a revitalization of the minimalism of the past in which contemporary themes and elements are captured in a modern perspective. “My work is primarily based on what I have seen and studied,” says Smalling. “I want to be a part of the events I have encountered and be able to react in a hope-filled way.”

Smalling is passionate about sharing Choctaw art on an international level. He continues to evolve as an artist, partnering with Gary Platt Manufacturing in casino chair design, and has released an exclusive tile line with Emser Tile® that features his own, unique designs. Most recently, he has partnered with Incredible Technologies®, developing the very first Native American-designed casino game.