



WANI MARSHALL COKER

Drawing, painting and creating her whole life, Wani Marshall Coker grew up in Durant, Oklahoma with an insatiable love of art. As such, she took art classes whenever and wherever she could, ultimately graduating from Texas Women's University with an Art Education degree.

While beginning her career as a teacher, Wani pursued her own art, securing several private commissions. She feels her inspiration comes from the kids she has taught over the years, as well as the people and places which surround her, and her deeply-rooted Choctaw heritage.

When it comes to creating, she feels as though the use of color is of the utmost importance. "Color is a whole other language to me," Wani says, "When we don't have the words, color helps us to translate our feelings."

Wani has completed four large paintings for Choctaw Casinos and Resorts, and currently has pieces for sale in the Choctaw Cultural Center Gift Shop.

She currently resides in Fort Worth, TX.