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LACROSSE WARRIOR

By: Alan Syliboy

Lacrosse Warrior is the fifth (2003) in a series of limited edition prints produced by the Canadian Lacrosse Foundation to honour the game of Lacrosse and one of its greatest coaches and builders – the late Jim Bishop.

The original artwork for this piece, as well as future originals will be presented each year as the "Jim Bishop Memorial Award" to the Minto Cup (National Junior A Championship) athlete who best exemplifies leadership, skill, sportsmanship, and the spirit of the game.

This painting was created by Mi'kmaq artist **Alan Syliboy**, recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee

Medal in 2002. As Alan's exploration of painting and his understanding of Mi'kmaq spiritualism expanded, his confidence and ability grew with it. Since his family is where he is centered, everything else is exterior. He feels that he has gained the inner strength to conceptualize his spiritualism. Simplicity of line and colour and uncomplicated symbolism now gives his work a cleanness and strength. From this point of beginning he incorporates new themes and mediums to insure his artistic progression. Elements of Mi'kmaq petroglyph records found throughout Nova Scotia provide some inspiration for the developing of his general theme, which is his expression of the pride and understanding attached to his cultural heritage.

Lacrosse Warrior, delves back to the time when many conflicts were avoided, through a game of Lacrosse instead of all-out war. The player himself is symbolized as a hawk, known for its cunning, strength, stamina and keen eyesight, the same attributes needed by the lacrosse player. Represented, however, in a modern fashion to show that the game, while coming from our aboriginal past, has been opened up to any and all players with the hawk's attributes.

The Canadian Lacrosse Foundation's goal is to create a strong future for the game during this time of government cutbacks. In purchasing this print you are investing in the future of Lacrosse. The Foundation will pursue worthwhile projects to help grow the game that would otherwise not be addressed.