

COLLECTOR SERIES LIMITED EDITION PRINTS



IN HONOUR OF A SPIRITUAL GAME

By: Chris Lynch Aquart

In Honour of a Spiritual Game - Acrylic on Canvas is the seventh (2005) 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.

This painting was created by Native artist **Chris Lynch Aquart**. The original artwork for this piece, as well as future originals are 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.

In Native history, lacrosse participants dedicated their spirit and honour in each game. They played with pride for their own spiritual development, and the praise from their tribal communities.

The blue robe represents the intuition of a player, the wisdom and the skills they possess. The white medicine bag is what we carry on us in a spiritual sense. Although not seen but we carry one in our heart the medicine wheel represents all under the sun. The four races of man, the seasons, the 4 directions, white, yellow, red and black feathers are prayers, sources of ideas and marks of honor.

Representing a high deity Eagle feathers connect the bearer with the Creator.

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.