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Horse of the Rising Sun



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Artist: George Toya

An acclaimed Native artist from the Jemez Pueblo, in New Mexico, George Toya describes his work as “part fantasy, part reality, and filled with narrative awaiting discovery.” His Painted Pony depicts, on one side, the night with the stars, constellations, shooting star, and moon, with the North Star at the center “so we never lose our way.” On the other side he presents the day with different life forms, images and colors that represent beauty, and the sun at the center “without which life is not possible.”

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Crow Warrior's Pride



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Artist: Kevin Kilhoffer

Once a nomadic tribe that roamed what is now Montana and Wyoming, the way of life for the Crow Indian Tribe changed dramatically with the acquisition of the horse. Young men, instructed in horsemanship at an early age, grew into warriors who inspired awe among other tribes for their amazing feats on horseback. An Oklahoma artist who has studied Plains Indians extensively created this tribute to the way the Crow also dressed their horses with more display than many other tribes, incorporating quill embroidery, beadwork, pendants, braided rawhide and the carving arts into their equine regalia.

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Stand By Me

Artist: The Trail of Painted Ponies

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When the night has come
And the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No, I won't be afraid
Oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me.

Released in 1962 and sung by Ben E King, the lyrics to this hit song could as easily apply to a protective mare looking after her foal, as a lovestruck man pining for his darlin'.



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Panda Paws

Artist: Lorna Matsuda

Its white coat and prominent black eye patches make the Panda one of the most recognizable animals on earth, but it is also among the shyest and rarest. Considered a national treasure in China where it dwells in misty bamboo forests, it was once hunted in the belief its colorful pelt provided magical protection against evil spirits. Now, there are a thousand or so left in the wild, which is why it is on the Endangered Species List. "Panda Paws" is this Canadian artist's way of keeping this adorable, gentle giant alive and well in our thoughts.

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