

# *about the artist.*

*Artist: Ryan Pooman*

*An Ojibwe Painter and Tattoo Artist at Hightide Tattoo Parlour in Thunder Bay. Ryan is Bear Clan and a member of Fort William First Nation. His art is inspired by traditional woodland paintings, stories, and his tattooing style, creating digital and painted pieces.*

*"Within this piece, inspiration came from showing the representation of the connection Indigenous peoples hold to all living beings. The Seven Grandfather teachings carry intergenerational knowledge with teachings that have meaning by guiding both individual and community well-being. The mural also contains Nanabijou (The Sleeping Giant), which is viewable from many parts of Thunder Bay, including Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic, where the mural is located. Nanabijou within the mural was placed as a reminder of the teachings, beliefs and connection Indigenous peoples hold to the land." - Ryan Pooman*