BENJAMIN HARJO, JR.

Considered one of the nation's leading American Indian artists, Benjamin Harjo, Jr. is a Seminole and Absentee Shawnee whose professional career began with a formal education at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Oklahoma State University in 1974. With a career spanning over 30 years, Harjo has received many prestigious honors and awards. His work is highly sought by private collectors and can be viewed in public collections at the Fred E. Brown Collection at the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Red Earth Center, Gilcrease Museum, Wheelright Museum, and the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian.

Awards and Recognitions

- 2012 Inducted into the Oklahoma State University Alumni Hall of Fame
- 2010 Interviewed for OSU's "Art & Soul" exhibit, video on YouTube
- 2009 Named as an Oklahoma Living Treasure by the OU Health Center Foundation
- 2009 Awarded the Lifetime Achievement by NAASA
- 2009 Best of Show, Five Civilized Tribes Museum
- 2009 Best of Division and 1st place SWAIA Indian Market
- 2007 Best of Show in the Masters Show at Five Civilized Tribes Museum
- 2005 SWAIA Santa Fe Indian Market official poster artist
- 2003 Honored One at the 17th Annual Red Earth Festival
- 2002 Oklahoma State University Distinguished Alumini Award
- 1993 & 1994 Featured Artist for the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian"s Annual Aspen Benefit
- 1993 Heard Museum's 34th Annual Featured Artist at the Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market

- 1987 Red Earth Grand Award at the Red Earth Festival
- Represented Absolut Vodka Oklahoma in its USA Today Campaign

Solo Museum Exhibits

- *Art & Soul*, OSU's Gardiner Art Gallery, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- *The Earth, the Moon and the Stars Above*, Wheelwright Museum, Santa Fe, NM
- *The Spirit of Color and Line*, Mabee-Gerrer Museum, Shawnee, OK

Group Museum Exhibits

- *Small Works Great Wonders,* The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- *Changing Hands II*, The Museum of Art and Design, New York City, NY
- *Winter Camp,* The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, OK
- *Ladies Choice*, The Bradford Brinton Museum, Big Horn, WY