

Galen Brown – Biography/Artist Statement

“I am deeply connected to the movement of water and the stillness of the earth. As an artist, growing up at Lake Tahoe, I appreciate the natural world. When I had the opportunity to study in China, I described myself as a "Man from big blue lake of the sky," which I thought encapsulated my connection to the high-altitude Tahoe environment. However, when my friends translated my words, they came up with something unexpected: "Man from outer space." This revelation was both surprising and inspiring, as it reminded me of the vastness and mystery of the universe. As I continue to create art daily, I strive to respond to the earth's energy and the cosmic beauty surrounding us all.”

Growing up, Lake Tahoe was Galen Brown's playground. Swimming, hiking, flying in his parents' seaplane, and racing for the Reno Falcons ski team and the Lake Tahoe Ski Club occupied his early life. After a ski injury left him immobilized for half a year, he began drawing from his bed while he recovered. This experience changed the course of his life and led him to discover his passion for art.

Brown commenced classes at the San Francisco Art Institute and stayed for his formal art education, earning a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in 1988 and a Master of Fine Arts in 1990. He continued studying in China and New York, and for the following 20 years, Brown resisted selling his work to collectors, preferring to keep his bodies of work together.

In 2019 the Nevada Museum of Art installed his solo exhibition *Sine Cere* across 3 of their expansive gallery spaces and purchased “*Sine Cere*,” the title piece, one of the large 8-foot radius circle drawings for their permanent collection.

A large body of Brown's work was featured in “*Tilting the Basin*,” the Nevada Museum of Art survey exhibition of contemporary artists working in the state of Nevada in 2016, which also traveled to a second museum location in Las Vegas in 2017. His work is also in the permanent collection of the Nevada Arts Council and the newly founded Clear Creek Collection at Lake Tahoe.

The quality of Brown's work was acknowledged with the prestigious Joan Mitchell Foundation Artist's Award in 2017.

Quote

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