

# INDIAN TIME

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## Cornwall River Kings Sign Three from Akwesasne for 2013-14 Season



Cornwall River Kings owner Bernie Vilnave, left, looks on as Casey Swamp signs a 2013-14 contract with the team on Wednesday, July 31 at LaPierre Sport, Cornwall. By Andy Gardner

year's inaugural season have signed three men from Akwesasne to join their

The Cornwall River Kings looking to

## Tribal Election Special Election Results Cook and Jacobs Successful



Beverly Cook and Shelley Jacobs

Akwesasne - The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election Board has certified the results from the July 13, 2013 Special Election. In accordance with Tribal Council Resolution 2013-21, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election and Referendum Ordinance, the Election Board denied appeals filed on July 15, 16 and 19, 2013. See ELECTION on page 7

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## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

### Brandon Lazore



Peace Maker and Tadadaho painting, donated to the Onondaga Nation School.



A graffiti piece done by Brandon Lazore.



Above: Brandon Lazore stands with Ithaca Mayor Svante Myric, both holding Lazore's winning proposal painting.

Right: Self Portrait 2013.



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By Ian Oakes

You may not have heard about Syracuse based Kanienkehka artist Brandon Lazore, but he is beginning to make big moves in the art scene there. Lazore, whose mother is Carla Delormier, grew up around Syracuse, but has spent lots of time with his family here in Akwesasne. Lazore is nearly finished with his art degree from Onondaga Community College. This degree is an accomplishment in itself as Lazore spent several years away doing construction in Washington, DC and while in DC, Lazore completed no art whatsoever. Experiencing a layoff in 2009 sent him back home and upon returning to the area, his artistic passion was reignited. Nearly 32 years old, Lazore has two styles he feels represents two different parts of his life. The duality may come from the difference in lifestyle of being

a traditional Onkwehonwe, and living as an urban native. The urban side is represented through graffiti and street art, and comes from his time spent growing up in Syracuse, and his many years in DC. If you look around Syracuse, Lazore has tagged several buildings and his work can be seen in some unique places. You know his work has earned the respect of his peers as it remains untouched by other artists who will paint over work they don't feel is as good as theirs. Tough crowd!

Second, and far more important to Lazore is work he does on canvases and embraces traditional themes. Growing up in Onondaga and being longhouse, these themes are an important element of his life. Choosing to depict Wampum Belts and scenes of traditional Iroquois villages, Lazore finds a great deal of joy in his creation and joy and exuberance is evident as soon as he starts talking

about it, with his cool, calm demeanor shifting to overdrive, his enthusiasm is infectious.

Lazore spoke on the two art styles and said, "For me it's kinda like two different worlds. With the Onkwehonwe art, there is more of a meaning to it, ya know? With the graffiti art it's more of just fun time."

Recently Lazore won a contest to paint a mural in the city of Ithaca, New York. Consulting with Cayuga Chiefs, the city asked what should be painted on the mural. The specifics became the detail for the competition, and Lazore's design was selected as the winner.

"Some guy saw the painting of the wampum belt I did, and then he sent me a link to the flyer for the competi-

tion. I don't even know who the guy is, even to this day. As soon as I saw it, I jumped all over it I had to do it. It had to be mine and I had to win that contest. At the time I was doing the wampum painting and this was right up my alley," Lazore said.

Lazore is a great artist whose career is just taking off, and as he says art doesn't pay, so he is working on all sorts of projects. Lazore is available for any type of project, from murals to portraits or custom work. We joked but he said, "If you want Ninja Turtles, I will paint Ninja Turtles on your wall." You can contact Lazore at [brandonlazore@yahoo.com](mailto:brandonlazore@yahoo.com)



Three Belt Blend 2013.



Finished mural at Ithaca bus stop.

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