



# Karen Begay

## Multi Media Artist

Navajo Nation Poet, Artist, Warrior, Water Protector and Land Defender.

### Professional Skills

I am a Navajo Nation Artist and Tour Guide with 20 years of experience providing cultural adventure tours across the southwest.

In 2017 I built a traditional Navajo Hogan near the Grand Canyon which I lease out to international visitors coming to Arizona who wish for an authentic Navajo Hogan experience.

### Artist Awards & Citations & Grants

- 1996 Received the J. Dockstader Award in Painting @NAU.
- Five Individual Development Account Business Grants in 2018, 2019, 2020 from the City of Flagstaff, Az.
- Eight Arizona Commission on the Arts Artist Investment Program Grants.
- 2023 Master Apprentice Award Southwest Folklife Alliance from the University of Arizona.
- Navajo Nation Small Business Grant 2024.

### Educational Training

#### Institute of American Indian Art Santa Fe New Mexico

- Attended 1987- 1988

#### Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, Arizona

- Received a Bachelor of Fine Art Degree in Painting and Art History in 2000

### Business

#### IndigiCoin LLC

- Native American Housing Financial Investment

#### Indigenous World Travel LLC

- Customized global tours with me as your tour guide.

#### KBegay Tours LLC

- Customized local tours with me as your tour guide.

#### The Navajo Hogan Project

- Building traditional Navajo Hogans for displaced, unsheltered homeless Navajo families, veterans and elders for free.

### Work Experience

#### Northern Arizona University Motor Coach Operator

- Driving a motor coach bus safely for various tour programs for the Northern Arizona University Road Scholars Program.
- I can drive any bus under the sun.

#### Paul Revere Transportation Grand Canyon Division

- Shuttle Bus Driver for the Grand Canyon National Park Shuttle Service.
- Driver of the Month in April 2016.

#### Canyon Explorations

- Shuttle Bus Driver, driving tourists from Flagstaff Az to Lees Ferry for boat or raft launch on the Colorado River.

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