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## David Vega Chavez

David Chavez was born in Deming, New Mexico, where at an early age he began drawing & painting. In high school, while continuing his art, he began designing sets for school musicals & dramatic plays. In 1970 he received his BFA with teaching credentials from the University of New Mexico. It was during his college years that Chavez became involved in community theatre, which would eventually take him away from his artwork to become a professional choreographer, director & dancer. During the next 25 years, his artwork took a back seat as Chavez worked in motion pictures, television, concert performances & nightclub in Las Vegas.



Upon his return to New Mexico as Artistic Director with the New Mexico Ballet Company, Chavez

took advantage of his return to New Mexico & began painting seriously again. In 1993 Chavez was asked to exhibit his artwork at Weems Galleries; then, a year later, he was asked to show at Weems Artfest '94. More art shows were to follow. Chavez now exhibits in all the top annual art shows in New Mexico. In 1999 Chavez retired his dancing shoes in order to concentrate on his artwork full time. Chavez is most closely associated with the architecture & landscapes of New Mexico. His favorite media are Watercolor, Acrylic & Egg Tempera. His paintings capture the magic of the New Mexican light, from sultry summer days to the cold, barren landscapes of northern New Mexico winters. Other favorite subjects are the architecture & landscapes of Spain, France, England, Scotland, Greece & Italy. All visited by David throughout his travels as an artist & dancer.

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Shows & Awards  
ÉNew Mexico Arts & Crafts Fair: 1994 - 2002  
ÉWeems Artfest: 1994 - 2002  
ÉContemporary Hispanic Market: 1995 - 2002  
ÉBernalillo Wine Festival: 1997 - 2002  
ÉContemporary Winter Hispanic Market 2001 - 2002  
ÉCareFree Arizona: 1997 - 1998  
É1st place, Hispanic Art: New Mexico State Fair, 1997  
É2nd place, Best of Show: Bernalillo Wine Festival, 1997  
ÉPoster artist for Bernalillo Wine Festival, 1998  
ÉJuror for Hispanic Art Competition, New Mexico State Fair, 1999  
ÉJuror for New Mexico State Fair Professional Arts & Crafts Competition  
ÉJuror for Bernalillo Wine Festival art entries  
ÉJuror for Heather Wilson's Congressional High School arts competition 2000-2001  
ÉNumerous Honorable Mentions  
ÉNumerous Purchase Awards  
2nd place, Watermedia, Masterworks of New Mexico, 2008

