

SEAN MICHAEL CHAVEZ

WESTERN ASCENT

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Western Ascent begins with the belief that there is no final destination. It is rooted instead in curiosity, innovation, and the thrill of exploration. These paintings embrace process—they push my color choices, simplify where necessary, and leave room for your collaboration. The vaquero remains the muse, but the way I choose to see evolves. These paintings honor traditions that are deeply rooted while looking forward, to the future of Western art—where tradition and discovery roam together. Western Ascent is not about where a journey ends, but the direction it points and the ascent that lies ahead.

— Sean Michael Chavez

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THE MULE WAY

40x30 inches

Oil on Canvas





THE SLOW HOUR

40x30 inches

Oil on Canvas



HIGH POINT

36x24 inches

Oil on Canvas





FIRST LEAD
16x12 inches
Oil on Canvas



A LITTLE STEEP
20x16 inches
Oil on Canvas

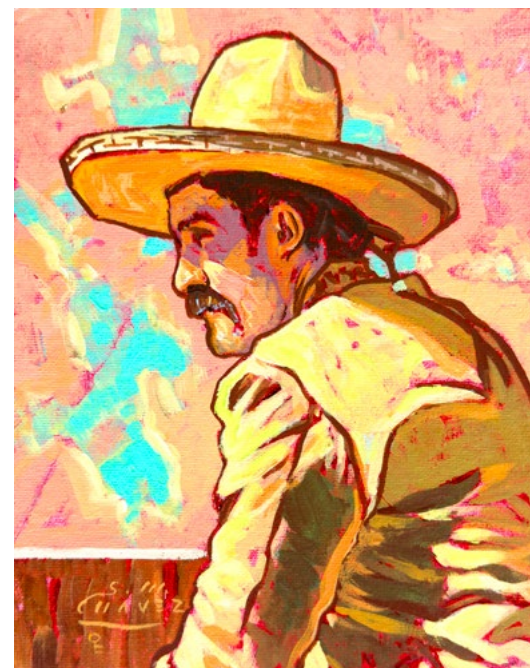




GOING TO PHOENIX

40x30 inches

Oil on Canvas



STUDY FOR PRIX DE WEST

10x8 inches

Oil on Canvas





SIDE BY SIDE

24x36 inches

Oil on Canvas



ASCENT IN AMBER SKY

24x20 inches

Oil on Canvas





LA HORA DEL LOBO
20x11 inches
Oil on Canvas



THE PITCH
24x36 inches
Oil on Canvas





CHARRO SKY
16x12 inches
Oil on Canvas



HIGH POINT
36x24 inches
Oil on Canvas





THE LITTLE HOUR

16x12 inches

Oil on Canvas



THE VISIT

40x30 inches

Oil on Canvas





STILL RED
10x8 inches
Oil on Canvas



EYE TO THE WEST
10x8 inches
Oil on Canvas

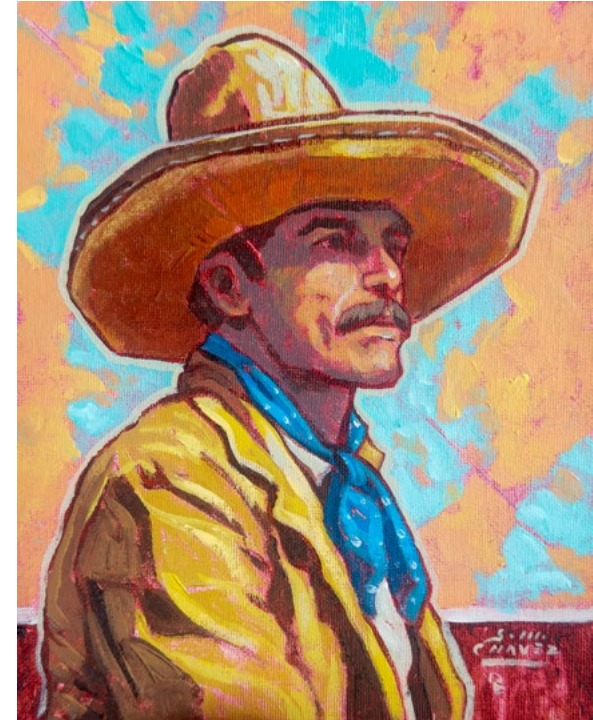




THE LITTLE HOUR

16x16 inches

Oil on Canvas



MEASURE OF BLUE

10x8 inches

Oil on Canvas





ON THE DOWNSIDE

16x18 inches

Oil on Canvas



SEAN MICHAEL CHAVEZ

(S.M. Chavez)

Born and raised in the rich cultural landscape of New Mexico, artist Sean Michael Chavez creates a distinctive vision that bridges tradition and innovation.

Drawing inspiration from historic masters such as the Taos Society of Artists while embracing the future of Western painting, Chavez melds the old with the new. His dynamic sense of color, refined design aesthetic, and distinctive painterly approach firmly place his work among the mavericks of contemporary Western art.

With eight consecutive sold-out solo exhibitions at Acosta Strong Fine Art, Chavez has established a growing presence. His work has been recognized by leading institutions and exhibitions including the Eiteljorg Museum's Quest for the West, where he received the 2025 Museum Purchase Award, and as a Prix de West artist at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. His paintings have also been featured in exhibitions at the Booth Western Art Museum, the Briscoe Western Art Museum, the Albuquerque Museum, the Couse-Sharp Historic Site, and other prominent venues dedicated to the preservation and evolution of Western art.

Chavez continues to build upon the rich tradition of Western painting while forging a distinct contemporary voice centered on the vaquero, landscape, innovation, and the enduring West.



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BOUND FOR BIG SKY

24x18 inches

Oil on Canvas



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