

## **Biography:**

Gene Irwin is an artist born and raised on the Muscogee Reservation. Art of all forms, from writing, painting, sewing, beading, pottery, and many more, has always been their passion. Their art focuses on Indigenous culture and the Mvskoke language.

## **Artwork Description:**

## Ready To Bloom

The image was inspired by a powwow I recently attended. A mother stood with her daughter. I only caught a piece of their conversation. The young girl was nervous about going in the grand opening. Her mother took her hand and held it the whole time. It reminded me that the role parents always play is to guide the younger generation and give encouragement for the future. The little butterfly was beautiful flying next to her mother.