



The Salmon People by Latash-Maurice Nahanee (2013)

The Salmon People print is based on a painting that hangs at North Vancouver District Public Library's Capilano Library. The original painting of *The Salmon People*, created in 2013, is rich in symbolism from the Squamish Nation.

Latash depicts five swimming fish, which represent the five types of salmon in the Pacific Ocean – Sockeye, Chinook, Coho, Chum and Pink. In the foreground are three reeds, light green in color, a symbol which repeats three times. This is symbolic of the rich bounty of the sea from which the salmon draw their nourishment. Across the top of the work is a blue wave which symbolizes the vast ocean in which the salmon swim. It is a continuous cycle of life which is celebrated by the Squamish people.

About Latash-Maurice Nahanee

Latash-Maurice Nahanee is a Squamish Nation artist who has worked as a professional artist for the past 20 years. Latash has a lifelong passion for all aspects of culture: art, singing and dancing, hunting, fishing and ceremonies.

*Photo: Latash-Maurice Nahanee signs the original *The Salmon People* mural at Capilano Library.*

