

Artist: **Nu'a Bön**

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Nu'a Bön (né Jeffrey Aranita), American, 1954, born in Hawai'i of Polynesian and East Asian heritage.

Educated: University of Hawai'i, Honolulu; Columbia University and The New School for Social Research, New York City. Photography workshop with Ansel Adams in California and private photography lessons with Minor White in Peru in the 1970s.

Career: Taught postgraduate and graduate courses in business law (intellectual property and contracts) on faculty (City University of Hong Kong, Baptist University of Hong Kong) and as a guest professor at universities China. Upon the death of his wife in 2000, he left China and spent a year sailing across the Pacific visiting different Polynesian cultures from Aotearoa (New Zealand) to Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Moved to South America and studied with Q'ero and yachak shaman in the high Andes of Peru and Ecuador and with curandeiros (plant medicine healers) in Amazonas. Integrated practice as a Pampamesayok (Earth healer) shaman and as a commissioned artist using art (largely painting) as a healing modality. Studios in Honolulu, Phoenix, and Providence.

Group exhibitions:

Redgate Gallery, Beijing, 1999

Hayward Gallery, Southbank Centre, London, 1998

SinSin Fine Art, Hong Kong, 1999

MassMOCA (artist residency group show), North Adams, MA, 2017

MvVO Ad Art Show, Sotheby's NYC, 2018