

# LESTER HUGHES (1938-2021)



From his humble beginnings on a dusty street in El Paso, Texas, Lester Hughes never dreamed that one day his paintings would hang in the White House. His dream came true, when one of his works was presented to President, Ronald Reagan during a campaign stop in 1976. That particular oil painting, featuring a New Mexico landscape with a dilapidated windmill and old shack, and

several of Hughes' other works hang in the presidential mansion during Ronald Reagan's tenure in office. Reagan's art collection grew to feature more than a dozen of Lester Hughes' finest works.

Despite being colorblind, Lester Hughes taught himself to paint and garnered great acclaim for his majestic landscapes of the Southwest. Several U.S. Presidents, politicians, movie-stars and professional athletes are among the owners of Lester Hughes' work.