

Aboriginal Artist Collection

ARTIST Amanda Hinkelmann

ARTWORK Danba-ng



ARTWORK STORY

‘Alive-Green, Fresh, Strong (said of plants)’

Represented within this artwork is our planet as it thrives-looked after by our people. It shares the idea of reciprocal care-taking and the way our people were taught to care for the land, so it in turn, cared for us.

In the centre of the piece are people gathered collectively, caring for one-another. Wrapping around them, are the plants that nourish them, mend them when they are ill, give their fibres for weaving and tool-making.

There are symbols of the rain coming down, cleansing them, and quenching their thirst. The wind blows through the artwork, carrying away with it illness, and replacing the skies with fresh, clean air to breathe.

Born on Wiradjuri Land in Wagga Wagga, Amanda is an exceptionally passionate and talented Aboriginal artist who has been creating breathtaking original artworks from her studio under the moniker ‘Because of my Four’ for many years now. Amanda’s artworks share stories of resilience, strength, and the power of women. She draws inspiration from her hometown of Wagga Wagga, her family, and the Dreamtime - displaying Aboriginal culture and storytelling in her own contemporary Aboriginal art style, developed through impatience, intuition, and an innate desire to create at all costs.

