

Aboriginal Artist Collection

ARTIST Amanda Hinkelmann

ARTWORK Dabaa-Malang



ARTWORK STORY

'A Gathering of Indigenous Peoples'

Represented within this artwork is the notion of shared knowledge, by teachings from our Elders.

At the top of the artwork, stars represent our old people, those who have passed- our prior knowledge holders. Below this, there is a gathering of people, learning from one-another and sharing stories. Further below, are the children, playing together, growing each day until they are ready to learn from those older than them.

Amongst our people, there are representations of our land- that in which we learn to care for, and that in which care for us.

The stories shared by mob are stories to sustain us, to teach us morals and values, to warn our children of dangers. Of utmost importance however, they teach us how to care for the earth, so it cares for us.

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.

