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"TO REPAIR IT"

A STORY ABOUT LIVED EXPERIENCE, SHARING, ART, AND RESOLUTION

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Amikogaabawiikwe indizhinikaaz.
Adrienne Benjamin indigoo.
Awaazisii indoodem. Misizaaga'iganing indoonjibaa. Chiminising indaa. Niizh nindaanisag indayaawag,
Bagwajikwe naa Zhaawanigiizhigookwe.

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Authenticity will take you places where people pleasing can't.

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LET'S START HERE...

- •This is an important statement to me.
- Always speak from the heart.
- Don't worry about what other people might think.
- The right people and experiences will find you.

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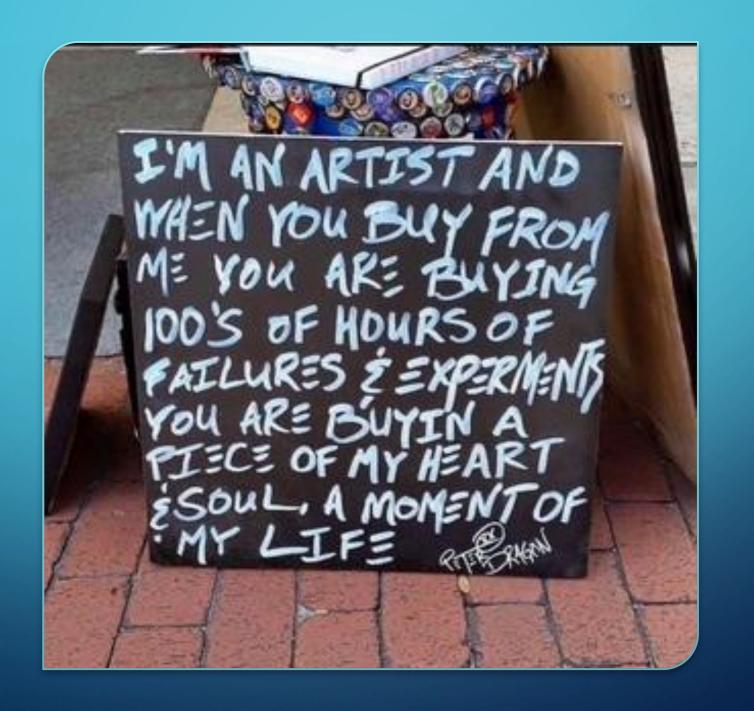




People know your worth.

They just hope you don't.

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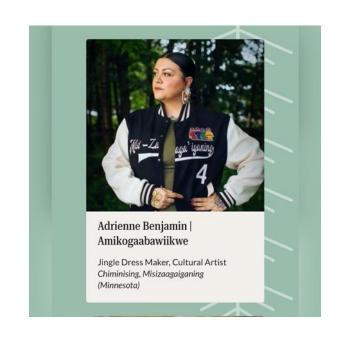


CONNECTIONS MATTER

- Staying connected to my community has kept this work grounded, has made it respectable, and has allowed me to do the best work possible.
- I've lived and experienced life growing up on a reservation and I know when I'm in a room, I'm there for my whole community. EVERY TIME.

"To be considered for this means that I am continuing the work that those elders entrusted me to do and truly believing in myself the way they believed in me."

AMIKOGAABAWIIKWE









- •2024-2029 TED Ignite Fellow
- •2024-2025 Caliifornia Alliance for Traditional Arts Taproot Fellow
- •2023-2024 Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Artists Futures
 Award Winner
- •2022 MLCV Babaamizinikekwe Award (Entrepreneur of the Year)
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- •2020 Citizen's League Minnesota Civic Leader Honoree
- •2020 Creative Community Leadership Institute Fellow
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- •2019 Artworks Grantreader: National Endowment for the Arts
- •2018 NCAIED 40 under 40 Award Recipient
- •2018 Salzburg Global World Seminar 50 Young Cultural Innovators Selection
- •Class of 2018 University of Pennsylvania; Arts & Culture Strategy
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QUESTIONS!!!