



NANAA'ITOON

“TO REPAIR IT”

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

KEYNOTE BY AMIKOGAABAWIIKWE (ADRIENNE BENJAMIN)



Amikogaabawikwe indizhinikaaz.
Adrienne Benjamin indigoo.
Awaazisii indoodem. Misizaaga'i-
ganing indoonjibaa. Chiminising in-
daa. Niizh nindaanisag indayaawag.
Bagwajikwe naa Zhaawanigiizhi-
gookwe.

AANIIN!

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

@millennial.therapist | Sara Kuburic

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.

GICHI-ANISHINABEG



People know
your worth.

They just hope
you don't.

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MINNETONKA
MOCCASIN

The logo features the word "MINNETONKA" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A red vertical line runs through the center of the letter "T". Above the top of this "T" is a red arrowhead pointing upwards. Below the word "MINNETONKA" is a red horizontal line with a jagged, sawtooth-like pattern. Underneath this line is the word "MOCCASIN" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below the word "MOCCASIN" is a small black silhouette of a moccasin shoe.



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APOLOGIZES FOR CULTURAL
APPROPRIATION





NATIVE DESIGNED
BEADING

MINNETONKA®

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*Adrienne
Benjamin*

BEPESHAA
MOCS

MINNETONKA LAUNCHES ICONIC THUNDERBIRD MOCCASIN REDESIGNED BY INDIGENOUS ARTIST





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



Adrienne Benjamin |
Amikogaabawiikwe

Jingle Dress Maker, Cultural Artist
Chiminising, Misizaagaiganing
(Minnesota)



SINCE THEN..



- 2024-2029 TED Ignite Fellow
- 2024-2025 California Alliance for Traditional Arts Taproot Fellow
- 2023-2024 Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Artists Futures Award Winner
- 2022 MLCV Babaamizinikekwe Award (Entrepreneur of the Year)
- 2021 Waterer's Future Building Award
- 2020 Citizen's League Minnesota Civic Leader Honoree
- 2020 Creative Community Leadership Institute Fellow
- 2019 AFTA Leaders of Color Forum Selection
- 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
- 2017 ArtWorks Grantreader: National Endowment for the Arts
- 2016-2017 National Arts Strategies Creative Community Fellow
- Cohort 5 of the Native Nations Rebuilders Program,
- Alumnus of the Blandin Foundation Reservation Community Leadership Program.

someone admires you
from afar and is inspired
by you.



QUESTIONS!!!