Simone McLeod



Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1962, Simone McLeod is a member of the Pasqua First Nation in Saskatchewan and belongs to the Name doodem (Sturgeon clan) of the a"b⊽ (Nakawē-Ojibwe Anishinaabeg). She also holds a deep spiritual connection to her mother's community, the Poplar River First Nation (Azaadiwi-ziibi Nitam) in Manitoba. A multidisciplinary artist—painter, poet, writer, and

photographer—Simone draws from a rich lineage of Ojibwe Midewiwin healers. Her traditional name, *Aki-egwaniizid* (*Earth Blanket*), reflects her profound bond with the land and all living things.

Simone's paintings are soulful offerings—what she calls "silent prayers" filled with hope, healing, and human kindness. While rooted in the tradition of Canadian Native Woodland Art, her work has evolved into a unique and powerful voice within her People's artistic legacy.



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