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Indigenous Visual Artist + Jeweler

"Gnigaami"



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This image was created to honor the women hand-drum singers. I have always had a great appreciation for the drum and for the women who pass on the tradition of the drum and the songs. Some of the songs are very old and passed on from generation to generation, other songs are contemporary but rooted in tradition. The songs are sung for many reasons, some are included daily duties like picking berries, and canoeing Some are sung for ceremonies such as naming ceremonies or memorials. I have found some of the softest songs are the lullabies that mothers sing to their children still to this day."



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