

artist statement

Te AWAHOU
COLLECTIVE

Working together in one Spirit

Huhenia Paurini

‘Ko Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Raukawa, Te Aitanga - a - Mahaki me Ngapuhi nga iwi’. These works are a series of complex, symbolic expressions of the oneness of life. Whakapapa, whenua and wairua connect all life to each other, and back to primal origins. I am drawn to nature with its intricate patterns, swirling lines, and organic shapes. Repeating motifs in my work, mirror Maori kowhaiwhai, reinforcing cultural storytelling, grounded in toi Maori. Creating art allows me to express more of who I am. Finally, I am beginning to understand the mastery within. Life moves in a circle and all creation is related, offering a universal truth.

ARTWORK

Medium:

Acrylic Paint on
Canvas

Measurements:
1.8m x 1.4m
framed canvas

Kotahi Tonu Wairua o Nga Mea Katoa

Te Ao Marama - Within the Light of Becoming

Creating Art allows me to emerge through spaces that cannot always be explained - the quiet places beneath our thoughts and the unseen movements of our inner worlds.

“I see myself in these forms, not as one fixed identity but as something living and evolving. I am both the observer and the co-creator.

The translucency of these biomorphic shapes are fluid and free. They overlap, dissolve and emerge. It speaks to me of openness, the courage to let Light move through us, to acknowledge our layers without being confined by them, and to accept that we are always becoming.”

