



# art + soul

A personal journey into  
the world of Aboriginal art



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Written and presented by Hetti Perkins, **art + soul** is a powerful and emotionally engaging series about contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, and the artists who create it.

As an Eastern Arrernte and Kalkadoodon desert woman and senior curator at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney, Hetti is well placed to guide and enlighten us on this journey.

With great generosity she shares her encyclopaedic knowledge of Aboriginal art, taking us into the homes and studios of artists in remote desert communities, the tropical top end and urban centres. Hetti encourages the artists to share the stories behind their artworks. She also brings deeply personal anecdotes to the fore, recalling her family's own story and her father's legacy.

Directed and filmed by the 2009 Cannes Camera d'Or winner, Warwick Thornton (*Samson & Delilah*) and produced by multi-award winning producer Bridget Ikin (*An Angel at my Table, Look Both Ways*) and Jo-anne McGowan, this series enhances the viewer's knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal art and gives a rich understanding of Aboriginal history and culture.

## EPISODE 1 - HOME AND AWAY

What does it mean to be 'at home' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? Is it where you live, or the 'country' you are exiled from? This episode explores diverse contemporary expressions of belonging and exile – from the desert outback to New York.

## EPISODE 2 - DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES

From the 'dreaming' – the creation era in which ancestral spirit beings shaped the land – to the unsettling nightmare of colonisation, what is the role of memory, dreams and the spirit world in Aboriginal art?

## EPISODE 3 - BITTER AND SWEET

Startling beauty, biting political narrative and surprising humour. How do these themes of Aboriginal art intertwine with reverberations of the past and our present?

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Producers **Bridget Ikin, Jo-anne McGowan**

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