

## **Alix Ashworth**

Kāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha

Alix Ashworth is a neurodivergent, indigenous, multimedia artist and mother of two situated in Ōtautahi Christchurch. Part of their creative process is to celebrate the knowledge and tools that their tīpuna used to thrive in this rugged terrain.

They have had the privilege of being mentored by Rangi Kipa, exhibiting with other artists from Paemanu and had the opportunity to wānanga with Kauae Raro.

Sharing the joy of indigenous excellence with their peers they bring these connections together through narrative sculpture, written word and adornment. Collecting skills in a range of mediums and crafts they are able to bring difficult subjects to life in order to engage their audience, allowing the viewer to emote through the work.

### **Knowing**

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*Uku (clay)*

There is a vibrant spark  
An energetic friction  
An blazing passion  
A burning consuming desire for understanding  
Whisper to the ember of your heart  
Hold that ember in your puku  
Flake away the hardened charcoal husk  
Warm them with your dusky glow  
Shed the sorrow, and burn