



Natanahira Pona

Born and bred in Turangi. When I was young all I wanted to do was join the armoured division in Waiouru. As a tank driver it was a passion for me. I was watching the Falklands war unfold. Having seen the effects of antitank missile technology at that time, I decided that it was not a great career to pursue.

Hence art was my second option, just a little safer.

From there I attended the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute in Rotorua where my career as an artist has bloomed. I can say that it was not an easy road to take but.... I have not regretted the path I have taken.

Best line ever is: Note to self, never answer stupid questions then you won't get mad lol.

