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Profile: Kinja

Kinja are Ron Murray and Sarah James, two musicians celebrating the cultural heritage of their ancestors in a blend of Indigenous Australian and Celtic music. Ron, a Wamba Wamba man (Swan Hill, Victoria), and Sarah, whose roots are Scottish, perform under the name Kinja, a Wamba Wamba word meaning "my home". Their music explores and unites the heritage of Indigenous Australia, Scotland and Ireland.

With Ron on didgeridoo and Sarah playing the fiddle and singing, the sounds of Australia uniquely combine with Celtic jigs, reels, airs and ballads. Ron and Sarah believe that playing together is their own special contribution to reconciliation between Indigenous and non Indigenous people in this country.

Ron and Sarah first started playing together on their honeymoon in early 1998 while traveling in the outback WA.

"The spirit of the ancestors of that country felt very real and we quite spontaneously began playing, as if to honour them... we haven't stopped playing together ever since". Music continues to be a central part of their lives. The duo performs at festivals, reconciliation events, artistic community and corporate functions.



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