

PACKAGE #4

This gorgeous framed 32" x 28" artist proof of *Thunder Horse* would look great in your home or office!

FRAMED DUSTIN TWISS ARTIST PROOF

PACKAGE VALUE EXCEEDS \$2,400



Lakota legends speak of great beasts that thundered across the ancient plains, heralding intense storms. When the Lakota discovered enormous skeletons of rhinoceros-like creatures in the Chadron formation of the Badlands, they associated them with these legendary beasts and named them “Thunder Horses” (*wakinyan sunkawakhan*). They have since also been called “titanotheres” and “brontotheres.” Skeletons of these magnificent horned creatures are on display at the School of Mines Geology Museum and at the Natural History Museum in New York. About 35 million years ago, at the end of the Eocene epoch, these animals became extinct.

In addition to these rare discoveries, the Chadron alluvial gravels also hide exquisite gemstones—Fairburn agates. Dustin Twiss, a Lakota conceptual artist, who beautifully incorporates the Fairburn banding pattern into his art works, connects the Lakota legends of the Thunder Horse with South Dakota’s state gemstone in this unique work completed in 2025.

In addition to the framed artist proof, this art package includes original art by Daisy and Dustin Twiss, who are here with us this evening.

Courtesy of Dr. Scott and Helen Van Dam