



Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre

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Rerrkirrwaṇa Mununggurr

Date of Birth: 21/04/1971
Clan: Djapu
Homeland: Wangdawuy
Community:
Moiety: Dhuwa

Biography

Rerrkirrwaṇa is the youngest daughter of the late senior Djapu statesman and award winning artist Djutjadjutja. She was taught to paint by him, in fact many of the paintings attributed to Djutjadjutja in the early nineties were finished by Rerrkirrwaṇa. She now has the authority to paint for herself and has done so successfully on a large scale with her works being part of major collections. She is part of a close knit family of art producers that include her elder sister Marrnyula and mother Nongirrṇa. One of the earliest print artists to produce work at Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre. Married to Gumatj artist Yalpi Yunupijū. In 2009 she won Best Bark Painting category in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art awards with a particularly fine work depicting her husbands clan designs of fire. These iconic works are becoming a signature for her. Her marwat (the handmade Brush made from fine straight human hair tied to a stick) is finer than anyone's. She has consciously striven for the finest rendition ever achieved in this medium. Characteristically, rather than attending the award ceremony she chose to remain at her son's dhapi or circumcision ceremony. In 2014 she travelled to Santa Fe in the US for her exhibition at the prestigious Chiaroscuro Gallery.

Group Exhibitions

- 2016** Intersect / Zero Metres Above Sea Level Cross Art Projects, Sydney NSW
- 2014** Gurtha Annandale Galleries, Sydney NSW
- 2014** Exhibition Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
- 2013** Prized Nomad Art, Darwin
- 2012** Prism Annandale Galleries, Sydney NSW
- 2010** Togart NT Contemporary Art Awards Chan Contemporary Art Space, Darwin NT
- 2009** 26th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 2009** Buku Printmakers and Djambawaw Marawili Carvings Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- 2008** New Generations, Yirrkala artists Creative Economy, Brisbane QLD
- 2007** Bukulungthunmi - Coming Together, One Place Raft Artspace, Darwin NT
- 2007** 24th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 2007** Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition Gapan Gallery, Festival of Darwin NT
- 2007** Togart NT Contemporary Art Awards Chan Contemporary Art Space, Darwin NT
- 2004** Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition Gapan Gallery, Festival of Darwin NT
- 2004** Galuku Gallery Darwin Festival, Darwin Botanical Gardens, NT
- 2003** Larrakitj Rebecca Hossack Gallery
- 2003** Brighton International Art Festival Brighton, UK
- 2002** Marrnyula Mununggurr Exhibition Raft Artspace, Darwin NT
- 2001** Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Screenprints Northern Territory University, Darwin NT
- 2000** 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, Perth WA

- 2000** Printmakers Touring Exhibition Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra ACT
- 1999** 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane QLD
- 1999** 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
- 1999** 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour Museum of Modern Art at Heide, Melbourne VIC
- 1999** 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour The National Maritime Museum, Sydney NSW
- 1999** Buku-Larrnggay Printmakers Exhibition The Original Dreamtime Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 1999** Buku Printmakers and Dhalwa?u Paintings Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London UK
- 1999** 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra ACT
- 1999** Printmakers Touring Exhibition Hogarth Galleries, Sydney NSW
- 1999** Printmakers Touring Exhibition Boomali, Sydney NSW
- 1998** Buku Printmakers and Bark Paintings Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA
- 1998** Buku-Larrnggay Printmakers Exhibition Northern Territory University, Darwin NT
- 1998** Buku-Larrnggay Mulka printmakers exhibition Buku-Larrnggay, Yirrkala NT
- 1997** 14th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin NT
- 1996** 13th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin NT
- 1995** Miny'tji Buku-Larrnggay, Paintings from the East National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne VIC
- 1994** The 11th National Aboriginal Art Awards Exhibition Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT

Bibliography

- 1999** Saltwater - Yirrkala Bark Paintings of Sea Country. Buku-Larrnggay Mulka in association with Jennifer Isaacs Publishing, Sydney, 1999 ISBN 0 646 37702 7
- 2009** Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin NT
- 2010** TOGART Catalogue
- 2010** Yirritja Dhapi DVD - The Mulka Project

Awards

- 2009** Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, Darwin NT - Winner Best Bark Painting