



# Short St. Gallery

## Conrad Tipungwuti

**Born** 24/09/1962  
**Language Group** Tiwi  
**Region** Tiwi Islands

**DOMICILE:** Milikapiti  
**DANCE:** Tarranigi (buffalo)

Conrad Tipunwuti has been painting and creating prints at Jilamara since the late 1990's. His work is full of expression that holds a freshness and energy unlike many of the Tiwi artists. The over-riding theme of his work depicts the late wet season 'Kulama' initiation ceremonies, celebrated when the sacred yams are ripe. He singles out a particular figure, Tapara, the moon man, who became a moon man after the pukamani ceremony was performed. The large concentric circles and small dots are like the night sky. Conrad has works in major collections and was recently collected by the DuMuseum des Confluences in Paris, France. His art has always been displayed with Jilamara group exhibitions but recently his profile has blossomed and Conrad Tipungwuti is an artist who is rising to become one of the great Tiwi artists of today.

### **Collections Held**

Du Musee des Confluences, Paris, France  
Charles Darwin University, Darwin  
Murdoch University, Perth  
Edith Cowan University Art Collection, Perth  
Wesfarmers Collection, Perth  
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra.  
Artbank Australia  
Queensland University Art Museum  
Stokes Collection, Victoria  
Kerry Stokes Collection, Perth WA

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2012 Conrad Tipungwuti - Chasing Dots – Seva Frangos Art, Perth  
2013 Aboriginal and Pacific art, Sydney, NSW

### **Group Exhibitions**



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- 1997 Old Patterns Framed Gallery Darwin NT  
1997 Old Tiwi. Alcaston House Gallery Melbourne  
1997 Kartukuni Amintiya Jurra (Ironwood and Paper) Hogarth Gallery, Paddington NSW  
1998 The Old and the New, Gallery Gondwana Alice Springs NT  
1998 Ngawa Mantawi Mossenson Gallery Subiaco WA  
1998 Group exhibition Alcaston House, Melbourne Victoria  
1998 Jilamara Mossenson Gallery, Subiaco WA  
1999 All About Art, Alcaston Gallery, Canberra  
1999 Tiwi on Wood, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne  
1999 New Paintings from Milikapiti, Redback Gallery, Brisbane  
1999 Art of the Tiwi Framed Gallery Darwin  
2000 Ngawiyati Mgapamurrumi - We Work Together Textiles show at Craft Victoria, Melbourne  
2001 Jilamara Jilamara Framed Gallery Darwin  
2001 Island Images Australian Print Workshop Melbourne  
2001 26th Annual Shell Fremantle Print Award Fremantle Art Centre  
2002 Pwoja Jilamara Raft Artspace Darwin  
2003 Let Keep Our Art Strong: Recent works from the Jilamara Artists, Raft Artspace, Darwin  
2005 Yirrarra - Kulama amintiya Pukumani, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne  
2006 Nginingaji ngawula kurrupuranji Jilamara, RAFT Artspace, Darwin  
2006 Yirrajirrima murrakupuni ngawurraningimarri, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin  
2006 Jilamara: New etchings from Melville Island, Northern Editions, Darwin  
2006 Jilamara: New etchings from Melville Island, Northern Editions, Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne  
2006 Jilamara works on paper, Sofitel, Melbourne  
2007 Red, Yellow, Balck, White, Raft Artspace, Darwin  
2007 Earth on Paper 1, Seva Frangos Art, Perth  
2008 Yimwarlini, Raft Art Space, Darwin  
2009 Earth on Paper 2, Seva Frangos Gallery, Perth  
2009 Mukumuwu, To Be Together, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin  
2009 Wulikija Jilamara, Northern Editions, Charles Darwin University, Darwin  
2009 Jilamara Kangi, Colour on Paper, Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River  
2010 Kumunupunari - Season of the Smoke, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin  
2010 Tiwi Shima, Northern Editions, Charles Darwin University, Darwin



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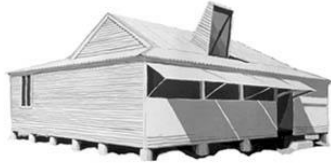
- 2010 Nginimuwila Jilamara - Our Design, Grafton Regional Gallery  
2010 No Words Needed, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane  
2011 Nginimuwila kulana - Our Kulama, Outstation Gallery, Darwin  
2011 Nginimuwila kurrujipini - Our Colour, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin  
2011 Awirankini Jilamara, Short St Gallery, Broome  
2011-13 Northern Impressions- Celebration of contemporary Printmaking Travelling 11 venues NT, Qld, SA, NSW and Vic.  
2012 Parlina amintiya Awirankini – Old and New, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin  
2012 Earth on Paper III – Seva Frangos Art, Perth WA  
2013 “We are Tiwi” Harvey Art Projects, Ketchum, Idaho, USA  
2013 New3: Selected recent acquisitions by the University of Queensland Art Museum 2011-13Brisbane  
2013 Nga-wuja arungwapi – We are going forward, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin  
2015 Kuripapuranjuwi Ngini Ngawila Jilamara Kapi Ngawa Tiwi: Tiwi Show, Darwin

## Awards

- 2001 26th Annual Shell Fremantle Print Award Fremantle Art Centre  
2010 Finalist in the TOGART Art Award, Darwin NT  
2011 Finalist in the TOGART Art Award, Darwin NT  
2013 Finalist WA Indigenous Art Awards, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth  
2013 Finalist in TOGART Award, Darwin, NT

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catalogue 2011

2013 Catalogue Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2013