



Short St. Gallery



Christopher Black

Born	1972
Birth Place	Milikaptiti, Melville Island
Language Group	Tivi
Region	Tivi Islands

Biograph

DANCE: Wurrikilik (Magpie Geese)

Chris was born in the Milikapiti Community, where he has spent the majority of his life. He is part of a large clan, consisting of three main families, the Bush, Black & Brown which make up the majority of the Takaringuwi Clan.

Chris attended high school at Kormilda College in Darwin. On return to Milikapiti he was nurtured by his Aminayi (Grandfather) Black Joe. Chris remembers this wise old man very well. Black Joe was a great carver/artist & great spear maker and culture man who created songs for Chris, which are part of Chris's being for life. When Chris attends ceremony with family he sings songs, Black Joe gave him. The memory of his Aminayi is the main influence of his arts practice today. Looking at old designs painted in his Grandfather's era inspires Chris greatly & slowly he has become one of the exciting emerging artists working at Jilamara.

Known as 'Kojak', he is a generous, good humoured, kind man who adds laughter and spirit to the artists' shed at Jilamara.

Group Exhibitions

2019	Tumuwa amintiya kirijipuni, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2017	Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, Nomad Art Gallery, Darwin NT
2017	Yiringinkiri Pwoja, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT
2016	Ngawila Jilamara, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin NT