



# Short St. Gallery



## DJUL'DJUL GURRUWIWI

<b>Born</b>	1965
<b>Region</b>	Njaypinya
<b>Language</b>	Yolngu

### Biography

Djul'djul is the daughter of the famous Galpu clan artist Mithinari Gurruwiwi. She is a very precise and knowledgeable wood carver and painter. Together with her sister Manany and brother Watjuku (deceased) they have inherited a lot of painting knowledge and skill from their father. All three artists also share the same Gumatj mother, Duwambu Burrawarja.

Djul'djul's husband is Burjupurru (Bruce) Wunurjmurra, a highly respected yidaki player and maker. She paints the yidaki he makes, often with Gulpu clan designs from her own clan. These designs sometimes feature Witij the olive python, djaykun the fire snake and gudurrku the brolga. At other times they are decorated with beautiful columns of diamonds, the scared miny'tji belonging to the Dhalwarju clan, representing the fresh water system where their creation ancestor Barama emerged from the water. Their yidaki are highly priced among collectors and players worldwide, being commonly referred to as some of the best works available. Djul'djul's carvings are now becoming sought after by dealers and collectors for their fine attention to detail. Recently she has been producing worrwurr (owl's) in collaboration with her sister Manany.

### Group exhibitions

2019 Top End Ochre, Everywhere Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2017 Environmental Defenders Office NT Fundraising Auction - Outstation, Art from Art centres, Darwin NT

2017 Legends and Lore, Artija Fine Art, Perth WA