



Short St. Gallery



TIMOTHY COOK

Born: 15/09/1958
Skin name: Mamtupuni (House Fly)
Birth Place: Milikaptiti, Melville Island
Language Group: Tiwi
Region: Tiwi Islands

Biography

DANCE: Tarduwuli (Shark)

Timothy Cook expresses himself through his loose, gestural, spacious designs. Timothy paints exclusively with natural ochres, composing his paintings with pure instinct and without hesitation. His artworks are highly sort after by major collections both naturally and internationally. Timothy won the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Art Award in 2012.

Timothy has been creating paintings, prints and carvings at Jilamara since 1999, his art is very personal to him; he likes the 'old designs' he learnt from his elders. He paints dots (pwanga) as elements of his designs: dots are his 'favourite special' due to the fact that ochre dots are applied to his face for ceremonies. The dots are applied by his bunji - a kinship relationship term which means mate, or in-law.

In the last few years Timothy has focused on the Kulama design. The Kilama ceremony is a traditional initiation for young men coinciding with the harvest of wild yam. The ceremony is performed in the late wet season (March/April) when a ring appears around Japarra (the moon). Elders of both sexes sing and dance for three days, welcoming the boys into adulthood. The boy is then renamed with his true man's name. The circles in his work symbolise the moon, yam and ritual circles of the Kulama ceremony, the "cross" reflects his spiritual life, the pwanga (dots) reflect the japalinga (stars). In his most recent paintings, Timothy combines natural ochres red, white and yellow with crushed charcoal as a base coat. Charcoal was traditionally used by his ancestors to paint. Timothy is revisiting this traditional material in his palette.



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Solo Exhibitions

- 2002 Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2003 Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2004 Tarduwuli come to George Street, Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2005 Tartuwali apapiraya (the shark goes south) Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2008 Timothy Cook, Seva Frangos Gallery, Perth
2008 Timothy Cook – New Paintings, Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2010 New works by Timothy Cook, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2011 Timothy Cook, Seva Frangos Art, Perth
2012 Timothy Cook , New Works - Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2013 Timothy Cook, Solo Exhibition- Seva Frangos Art, Perth
2014 Timothy Cook, Solo Exhibition – Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2015 Dancing With the Moon – Seva Frangos Art, Perth
2016 Full Moon, Luc Nerthier Galerie, Paris
2018 Yingarti Japarra (All the moons), solo exhibition, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2019 Solo Exhibition, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne VIC

Group Exhibitions

- 1997 Old Designs Framed Gallery Darwin NT
1997 Old Tiwi Alcaston House Gallery Melbourne Vic.
1998 The Old and the New, Gallery Gondwana Alice Springs NT
1998 Ngawa Mantawi - Mossenson Gallery Subiaco Perth
1997 Kartukuni Amintiya Jurra (Ironwood and Paper) Hogarth Gallery Paddington NSW
1998 Group Exhibition, Alcaston House Gallery, Melbourne Victoria
1998 Jilamara, Mossenson Gallery, Subiaco WA
1998 One Thousand Journeys, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney & touring exhibition
1999 Tiwi on Wood, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
1999 New Paintings from Milikapiti, Redback Gallery, Brisbane
1999 Art of the Tiwi, Framed Gallery Darwin
2000 This Earth for Us, Commonwealth Institute, London
2000 From Mythology to the Present, Wuerzburg , Germany
2000 Heritage Art Award, Canberra
2001 Jilamara, Jilamara Framed Gallery Darwin
2001 Island Images Australian Print Workshop Melbourne
2001 Ochre Short Street Gallery Broome
2001 Jilamara- New Work Redback Art Gallery Brisbane



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- 2001 Taykwapi Tiwi RAFT Artspace, Darwin
- 2002 Kiripuranji, Artbank collection international touring exhibition (up to 2006) South Pacific, South East Asia, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Latin America.
- 2002 Pwoja Jilamara Raft Artspace Darwin
- 2002 19th NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
- 2002 27th Annual Shell Fremantle Print Award Fremantle Art Centre
- 2002 Awuna Mantawi Hello My Friends, Tandanya, Adelaide
- 2002 Summer Collector Exhibition, Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne
- 2003 Exhibition aboard the luxury liner The World, Melbourne to Tokyo
- 2003 Kuturkuni Amintiya Tapuluni, RAFT Artspace, Darwin
- 2003 One Voice, Two Islands, Three Communities, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2003 Big Country, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
- 2003 Alliance Fran?aise Gallery, Canberra 24 ? 29 October in association with Chapman Gallery
- 2003 Let Keep Our Art Strong: Recent works from the Jilamara Artists, Raft Artspace, Darwin
- 2004 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin (Special Commendation)
- 2004 Living Tiwi: Tiwi Awuta Yimpanguwi, Museum fur Volkerkunde, Hamburg, Germany in association with Jilamara Arts and Crafts
- 2004 Milikapiti Turtyanginari: Milikapiti Ochre, RAFT Artspace, Darwin
- 2005 Yirrarra ? Kulama amintiya Pukumani, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
- 2005 Timothy Cook & Conrad Tipungwuti, Raft Artspace, Darwin.
- 2005 NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
- 2006 Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Award, Queensland Art Gallery
- 2006 Awirankini Jilamara, Suzanne nnel Gallery, Brisbane
- 2006 Nginingaji ngawula kurrupuranji Jilamara, RAFT Artspace, Darwin
- 2006 Yirrajirima murrakupuni ngawurraningimari, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
- 2006 Jilamara: new etchings from Melville Island, Northern Editions, Darwin
- 2006 All the Tiwi Mob, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2006 Jilamara Tiwi, Soma Galleries, Adelaide
- 2006 Jilamara works on paper, Sofitel Melbourne.
- 2006 Ngawila jilamara: our design, Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2006 Ratuwati amintiya ratuwati: Island to Island, Art Mob, Hobart
- 2006 Timothy Cook & Kay Lindjuwanga, Aboriginal & Pacific Art at the Melbourne Art Fair
- 2007 Red, Yellow, Black, White, Raft Artspace, Darwin
- 2007 Tiwi Together, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2007 Tiwi Art Network Group Exhibition, Darwin
- 2007 Isarte - New Selection of Aboriginal Paintings, Milan Art Fair, Milan, Italy
- 2007 Important Aboriginal Art, Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney



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- 2007 Earth on Paper 1 , Seva Frangos Art, Perth
2008 80 x 30, Seva Frangos Art, Perth
2008 Yirrajirima Murakuppuni Ngingingaji Ngawila Pumpuni Jilamara, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
2008 Yimwarlini, RAFT Artspace, Darwin
2009 Earth on paper 2 Seva Frangos Gallery Perth
2009 Parruwarti Angawilla Jilamara – Earth Our Colour, Chapman Gallery Canberra ACT
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 WA
2010 Almanac, The Gift of Anne Lewis AO, Museum of contemporary Art, Sydney
2010 Kumunupunari,- Season of Smoke Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
2010 Tiwi Shima, Northern Editions Gallery CDU, Darwin
2010 Nginimuwila Jilamara - Our Design, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
2011 nginimuwila kulama –our kulama - Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2011 Yingarti Jilamara, Marianne Newman Gallery, Sydney
2011 nginimuwila kurujipini – Our colour , Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
2012 Parallel Collisions – 12th Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art – SAAG, Adelaide
- 2012 Parlina amintiya Awirankini – Old and New, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
2012 Earth on Paper III – Seva Frangos Art , Perth WA
2012 Luminous World, Westfarmers Collection, Art Gallery of WA, Perth
2012 7th Asia Pacific Triennial – Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
2013 We are Tiwi Harvey Art Projects, Ketchum, Idaho, USA
2013 New3: Selected recent acquisitions by the University of Queensland Art Museum 2011-2013, Brisbane
2013 My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Australia, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
2013 Nga-wuja arungwapi – We are going forward, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
2014 My Country: Contemporary Art from Black Australia, Auckland Art Gallery Toi oTāmaki, New Zealand
2014 The World is not a Foreign Land, Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne
2014 Blake Prize 2014 Galleries UNSW, COFA, UNSW Art & Design
2015 Kuripapuranjuwi Ngini Ngawila Jilamara Kapi Ngawa Tiwi: Tiwi Show, Darwin
2015 Dancing With the Moon, Seva Frangos Art, Perth
2017 NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
2017 Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, (past, present, future), Collins Place Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2017 Taranthi Art Fair, Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
2017 Tiwi Time, Art Mob, Hobart, TAS



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- 2017 Being Tiwi, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, WA
2017 Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, (past, present, future), Nomad Art Gallery, Darwin, NT
2017 Yiringinkiri Pwoja, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT
2017 Being Tiwi, Morree Plains Gallery, Morree, NSW
2017 Being Tiwi, Glasshouse Port Macquarie, NSW
2018 Jilamara and Munupi Arts group exhibition, Chapman & Bailey, Melbourne, VIC
2018 Fig Bilbao Art Fair, in conjunction with Print Council of Australia, Bilbao, Spain
2018 Print & Paper 2018, Tunbridge Gallery, Cottesloe, WA
2018 Tarnanthi Art Fair, Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
2018 Nginingawula Awirankiniwaki, Tiwi Exhibition, Doubletree Hilton, Darwin, NT
2018 Tim, Tom E., Harry, Rusty, Tiger & Pussycat Recent works on Paper with Basil Hall, Nancy Severs Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2018 Jane McKenzie In the service of poetry & Jilamara Arts, Koskela Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2018 Tanz Im Mondenschein, Aboriginal Art Ausstellung, Art Karlsruhe, Freiburg and Schorndorf, Germany
2018 Palaneri - Aboriginal Art Der Tiwi, Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2018 Yati Ratuwati Yatuwati (One Island, One Side), Munupi and Jilamara working Together.
2019 turnuwa amintiya kirijipuni, Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA

Awards

- 2017 Finalist, NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
2017 34th NATSIAA, The Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2013 Kate Challis RAKA Award, Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, VIC
2013 Togart Contemporary Art Award, Chan Contemporary Art Space, Darwin, NT
2012 Winner - 29th NATSIAA The Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2011 28th NATSIAA The Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2011 Highly Commended, Western Australian Indigenous Art Award, Perth, WA
2010 27th NATSIAA, The Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2010 Togart Contemporary Art Award, Chan Contemporary Art Space, Darwin, NT
2009 Western Australian Premiers Indigenous Art Award, Perth, WA
2008 25th NATSIAA, The Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2008 26th NATSIAA, The Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2006 Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Award, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane,



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2005	22nd NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2004	Special Commendation 21st NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2002	27th Annual Shell Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Art Centre, Perth, WA

Collections

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Artbank Collection, Sydney
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
The Lavery Collection, Sydney
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
Charles Darwin University, Darwin
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
Art Gallery of South Australia
Wesfarmers Collection of Australia, Western Australia
Murdoch University Collection, Western Australia
Pat Corrigan
Musee du quai Branly, France
National Gallery of Australia
Ann Lewis Collection
Edith Cowan University, Perth
Western Australian Art Gallery, Perth
King Edward Memorial Hospital, Perth
Private collections in the USA
St John of God Hospital, Perth
Parliament House Collection, Canberra
The City of Stirling art collection

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1993 The Body Tiwi Aboriginal Art from Melville and Bathurst Islands, catalogue, The University Gallery, University of Tasmania at Launceston



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1994 Art of the Tiwi from the Collection of the National Gallery of Victoria, catalogue, NGV Melbourne

Living Tiwi: Tiwi Awuta Yimpangui, Jilamara Arts and Crafts, 2004

2004 Living Tiwi: Tiwi Awuta Yimpangui, Jilamara Arts and Crafts

2006 McLean, Bruce, Timothy Cook, Ex Cat. Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Award

2008, Ryan, J. 'Timothy Cook' Ex Cat. Timothy Cook, Aboriginal & Pacific Art

2009 Catalogue, Western Australian Indigenous Art Award

2010 Almanac, The Gift of Ann Lewis, MCA Catalogue (page 13)

2010 Tiwi Shima, woodblock printmaking, Jilamara Arts & Crafts, catalogue

2010 Timothy Cook , Nicholas Rothwell, The Australian.

2011 nginimuwila kulama –our kulama - Outstation Gallery & Jilamara Arts Catalogue

2012 APT7 catalogue, Queensland Art Gallery- Gallery of Modern Art

2012 Luminous World, catalogue, Fremantle Press. Perth, WA

2012 Tiwi (Art-History-Culture) Jennifer Isaacs, The Miegunyah Press, Melbourne

2015 Dancing with the Moon, Monograph, Seva Frangos, University of Western Australia Publishing, Perth