

# Short St. Gallery

Michelle Woody Minnapinni

**Born** 17/07/1972  
**Language Group** Tiwi  
**Region** Tiwi Islands  
Country: Papatuwu (Fourcroy)  
Dance: Kapala (Sailing boat)

Michelle moved from Pirlangimpi to Milikapiti in the 80's. She attended high school at St John's in Darwin and Slade in Brisbane. She has worked in counselling support for Indigenous Health, Relationship Australia and the Red Cross.

She started painting at Jilamara with her partner Nick Mario in 2012, whilst raising three young girls.

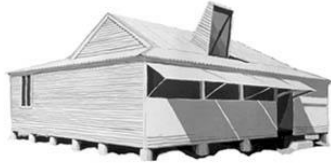
Michelle is a gallery assistant at Jilamara Arts and Crafts Association and a director on the board with the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists.

Michelle paints on canvas and paper and has recently made her first limited edition prints.

Her works are based on the stories of Japarra the moon man and Tapalinga the stars, bush food and hunting. She is slowly developing her own Jilamara designs into these stories.

## Group Exhibitions

2019	Turnuwa Amintiya Kirijipuni, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2018	Jilamara and Munupi Arts Group Exhibition, Chapman & Bailey, Melbourne VIC
2018	Collins Place Gallery Summer Salon, (finalist) Collins Place Gallery, Melbourne VIC
2018	Matriarchs: Motherlines of the Yolnu & Tiwi Islands, The Cross Art Projects, Sydney NSW
2018	Tim, Tom E. Harry, Tiger & Pussycat Recent Works on paper with Basil Hall, Nancy Severs Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2018	Tarnanthi Art Fair, Tandanya, Adelaide SA
2018	Nginingawula Awirankiniwaki, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin NT
2018	The Art of Healing: Australian Indigenous Bush Medicine, Medical History Museum University of Melbourne, VIC
2018	Yati Ratuwati Yatuwati (One Island, One Side) Munupi and Jilamara working together, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium
2017	Mamirnikiwi Jilamara, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2017	Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, Nomad Art Gallery, Darwin



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2017 Yirringinkiri Pwoja, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin  
2016 Ngawila Jilamara. Hilton Double Tree, Darwin  
2013 "Going forward" Tiwi art network exhibition, Darwin

## **Awards**

2015 ANKA Artworkers Extension Program

## **Publications**

2018 The Art of Healing: Australian Indigenous Bush Medicine

## **Collections**

Medical History Museum