



Short St. Gallery

Pius Tipungwuti

Born 24/08/1954
Language Group Tiwi
Region Tiwi Islands

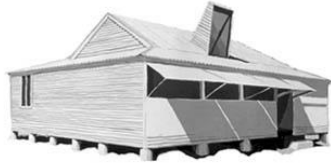
SKIN GROUP: RAIN
DANCE: SHARK
DOMICILE: MILIKAPITI

Pius Tipungwuti has a long history of carving and painting pukumani poles for ceremony. He was an early influence in the development of Jilamara Arts and Crafts, and was once the President of the art centre. His tutini (pole) is featured in the community's Muluwurri Museum. However, he moved to lead the men's centre within the community, combining his creative skills with directional and motivational work for young men. Pius has also held the chair of the Milikapiti Council. In 2003 & again in late 2005 he rejoined the art centre to concentrate on his carving full time. Although his skills as a carver are highly regarded amongst his own people, his work is little known in the broader market bar a few art collectors. His work is now being included in major group exhibitions in order for him to receive the recognition he deserves.

Pius' mother is senior Jilamara artist Mary Magdalene Tipungwuti, and his younger brother John Martin Tipungwuti is also a respected carver. John Martin and Pius are the nephews of the highly acclaimed Tiwi carver Declan Apuatimi, their father Dermot Tipungwuti's half-brother.

Group Exhibitions

2002	Melbourne Art Fair, represented by Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2004	Melbourne Art Fair, represented by Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2005	Yirrarra – Kulama amintiya Pukumani, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2006	The Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award, Victoria
2006	Jilamara Carvers, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2006	Casuarina Domain Sculpture Walk Competition, Tweed Heads, NSW
2006	Jilamara Tiwi, Soma Galleries, Adelaide.
2006	Ngawila jilamara: our design, Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2007	Ngarramukuriyi jilamara kartakuni, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2007	De Overkant / Down Under - Den Haag Sulptuur 2007, The Hague, The Netherlands



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2009	Mukumuwu, To Be Together, Tiwi Art Network, Darwin
2015	Kuripapuranjuwi Ngini Ngawila Jilamara Kapi Ngawa Tiwi: Tiwi Show, Darwin
2016	Ngawila Jilamara, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin NT
2017	Yirringinkiri Pwoja, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin NT
2017	Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, Adelaide SA
2017	Tarnanthi Art Fai, Tandanya Adelaidw SA
2017	Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, (past, present, future) Collins Place Gallery, Melbourne VIC
2018	Palaner - Aboriginal Art Der Tiwi, Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2018	Tanz Im mondenschein, Aboriginal Austellung, Art Karlsruhe, Freiburg and Schornodrf, Germany
2018	Nginingawula Awirankiniwaki, Double Tree Hilton Darwin, NT
2018	Tarnanthi Art Fair, Tandanya, Adelaide SA
2018	Jilamara and Munupi Arts group exhibition, Chapman & BAiley, Melbourne VIC
2019	turnuwa amintiya kirijipuni, Short St Gallery, Broome WA

Collections

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