

# Short St. Gallery

## Isaiah Nagurrgurrba

**Born** 1969

Region Gumbalanya, Western Arnhem Land, NT

Language Kunwinjku



#### **Biography**

Isaiah is an artist and screen printer who has been working with Injalak Arts in Oenpelli since 1989. He is animated, a great raconteur and his sense of humour and style is evident in his paintings. Isaiah is involved in the ceremonial life of the community and takes his obligations to family and traditional culture very seriously. The artist's country is Marlkawo which is south-east of Oenpelli and his major Djang (Dreaming) is Yawk Yawk or female water spirits. Isaiah was a senior supervisor of the Injalak's Printmaking Department. Being a founding member of Injalak Arts and Crafts, thirty years ago, Isaiah attributes much of his formal training to renowned printmaker Ray Young.

### **Group Exhibitions**

2021	'Contemporary Indigenous Textiles From Australia's Tropic Zone', Cairns Art Gallery
2015	'Wearables', Tactile Arts Gallery, Darwin
2013	'Wurrkabal', Netanya Resort, Noosa QLD
2008	'Sex Spirits & Sorcery', Mossenson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2007	'The Injalak Hill Suite', Abiriginal & Pacific Art Gallery Danks St, Sydney NSW
2007	'Lines & Ochre ', Ochre Gallery Melbourne VIC
2006	WA '24th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award ', MAGNT
	Darwin, NT
2006	'The 2nd Peter Baillie Aquisitive Award', Flinders University Adelaide S.A.
2006	'Paper, Bark, Canvas & Twine', Dickerson Gallery Melbourne, Vic
2005	'Art from the Stone country', Dec, Darwin NT
2003	ArtMob Hobart Tasmania
2002	Australian Conservation Foundation
2002	Australian Embassy Paris
2002	Art-rium Graz Austria
1998	Desert Designs Japingka Gallery, Perth WA
1998	'Telstra Aboriginal Art Awards ', Darwin- finalist
1998	'From Bush to City', Hogarth Gallerise. Sydney
1994	Indigenart Perth



#### **Commissions**

2008	Darwin Airport Mural
2008	Jumbana Balarinj- Yijan artist licensing agreement. (Ongoing)
1996	AAT Kings - design painted on tour bus for Germany
1995	AAT kings- Licensed design painted on tour bus for Australia