



Short St. Gallery

Josephine Burak

Born	10/12/1977
Language Group	Tiwi
Region	Tiwi Islands
Dreaming	Yirrikapayi (Crocodile)



Biography

"At school art was my favourite subject".

Josephine Burak is the daughter of respected custodian of traditional medical knowledge, Lydia Burak. Having gained her mothers' carving skills as well as painting skills Josephine Burak often prepares her own pwoja (comb, painting tool) to shape it to her exact needs.

Josephine paintings will often feature the significant Kulama Ceremony and her designs are also wonderfully reminiscent of astronomic star charts.

A committed artist, Josephine has been in previous years one of the directors of the Art Centre and she is currently employed as Assistant Manager of the Art Centre where she contributes significantly to its day-to-day management and operations.

Group Exhibitions

2021	Tiwi Papers; Tamanthi Festival 2021; Art Gallery of South Australia
2021	YIRRIKIRIPWOJA JILAMARA, Darwin Hilton Double Tree
2020	Tiwi Islands to Amhemland Munupi Maningrinda Artitja Fine Art Gallery; South Fremantle; WA
2020	Yalininga, Ngaripantingija, Ngirramini Aboriginal Signature, Estrangin Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgique
2019	Parlika Tutini Jilamara Tamanthi festival Art Gallery of South Australia
2019	Pupini Jilamara Ngingingwula (Our Beautiful Paintings) Hilton Double Tree Hilton,
2018	Ngingingawula Awirankiniwaki Hilton Double Tree Hilton,
2018	Yoi-Tanz im Mondenschein ArtKelch Collectors Lounge, Stuttgart, Germany
2018	Palaner - Aboriginal Art Der Tiwi Artkelch, Freiburg Germany
2018	One Island One Side, Yati Ratuwati Yatuwati, Art Aborigène des Iles TMI Aboriginal Signature, Brussels, Belgium
2017	Earth Matters Form: The Goods Shed; Claremont
2017	Yringinkiri Pwoja Hilton Double Tree Hilton
2017	Kiripapuranjuwi (skilled Hands) Red Dot Fine Art Gallery; Singapore
2016	Point of Difference; Desert to Sea, Artitja fine Art at Engine Room, Perth, WA



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- 2016 Foire d'art Contemporain, Arts Daustralie; Stephane Jacob
2015 Ngawa munupula/ Ngawa Kiripapiranjuwi, new paintings from Munupi Art on the Tiwi Islands Outstation art from Art Centres, Darwin NT
2014 WE ARE TIMI, Munupi Artists from Melville Island, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA
2014 4 THE TMI: Art from Jilamara & Munupi Art Centres Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, Virginia, USA
2013 Tokwapi - Everything Art Mob, Hobart, Tasmania
2013 Tiwi Exhibition Framed Gallery, Darwin NT
2013 'Tiwi Shima' Northern Editions, Darwin, NT
2013 'Nga-wuja arungwapi We are going forward' Tiwi Art Network Annual Exhibition, Darwin, NT
2013 Nginingawula Munupi Jilamara. Our paintings Marshall Arts, Hyde Park, SA
2012 TMI: ART/HISTORY/CULTURE book launch Aboriginal Pacific Art, Sydney
2012 Tiwi Tradition – Munupi Artists of Melville Island, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA
2012 Tiwi Book Launch Vivien Anderson Gallery, Caulfield North, Melbourne, Vic
2011 'Munupi Artists of Melville Island', Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA
2011 'New Work from the Tiwi Islands' Art Equity, Sydney, NSW
2011 'Tiwi Temptations' Artmob, Hobart, Tasmania
2011 'Tiwi Island Art' Aranda Aboriginal Art, Melbourne, VIC
2010 'Kumunupanari – Season of Smoke' Tiwi Art Network, Darwin, NT
2010 'A 9x12" Coo-ee Christmas' Coo-ee Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2010 'Treading Lightly' Tali Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2010 Mukumuwu - To Be Together Darwin, NT
2010 'Munupi Arts' Qdos Gallery, Lorne, Victoria
2009 Tandanya National Aboriginal Culture Institute. Adelaide, SA
2009 Ochre Imprints Tandanya National Aboriginal Culture Institute, Adelaide, SA
2008 "Yirrajirima murakupuni nginingaji ngawila pumpuni jilamara" Darwin, NT
2007 Nga-wuja arungwapi – we are going forward Tiwi Art Network, Darwin, NT
2006 Aboriginal Print Makers Framed, Darwin, NT
2006 Star Arts Ambrose Consulting, Darwin, NT
2006 Yilonjinga, Kirijipuni, Arikiminga Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth, WA
2005 Pukupunawu Bandigan Gallery, Woollahra, NSW
2005 Munupi Arts Show Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne VIC
2005 Indigenous Art Exhibition Australian Embassy, Paris, France
2005 Pukupunawu Bandigan Gallery, Woollahra, NSW
2005 Munupi Arts Show Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne VIC
2004 Salt & Stone: Art Centres of Anhem Land & Tiwi The Cross Arts Projects, Sydney, NSW
2002 One Night Only – Victorian Women's Legal Aid Show 45 Downstairs Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2002 Awana Mantawi – Hello Friends, Tandanya Gallery, SA
2002 Yikwani Munupi Indigenart, Perth, WA



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- 2002 The Elements Netanya, Noosa Heads, Noosa, QLD
2001 Tracking Kultja Festival Australian Museum, Canberra, ACT
2000 Contemporary Tiwi Artists Port Jackson Fine Art Gallery, Laguna Beach,
California, USA
1999 Claiming Title Touring Exhibition, USA
1998 Walonia Exhibition Florence, Italy, Brussels, Belgium

Bibliography

- 2012 TWI: ART/HISTORY/CULTURE, Jennifer Isaacs, The Miegunyah Press

Collections

Neriba Gallash Collection