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Datjuluma Guyula

Born	1973
Language	Yolnu
Region	Arnhem Land

Biography

Datjuluma lives and works in Gunyangara (Ski Beach) in North East Arnhemland. She is married to Djawa Yunupingu senior Gumatj clan leader and younger brother of Galarwuy Yunupingu one of the most senior Gumatj Clan leaders.

Her father Waratjima Guyula was part of a small number of Djambarrpuyngu clan members who lived around Yirkala whilst most of this large clan are based in Western Yolngu country. There is an ancient sacred connection between this clan and the Rirratjinju landowners of Yirkala stemming from a shared songline Djarrak - the sea tern. Her mother Naminapu Maymuru is a well-known Mangalili artist who is famous for her paintings of the Milnjiyawuy, Milky Way paintings as well as her more classical Mangalili bark paintings. Naminapu and her family were part of the thriving artist's school which developed around her grandfather's Narritjin and Nanyin Maymuru. Datjuluma is following both her parents in their artistic careers and is forming a strong visual identity as a powerful artist in her own right.