



Short St. Gallery

Raphaelina Babui

Born	1999
Community	Wurrumiyanga – NT
Country	Jikarruwu (Cape Fourcroy) Bathurst Island
Language	Tiwi
Birthplace	Darwin
Dance	Kapala/Battleship
Skin	Takaringuwi / Scaly Mullet

Biography

Raph is a Tiwi woman who grew up in Paru on Melville Island and lives in Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island on the Tiwi Islands.

She started at Ngaruwanajirri in early 2025 learning the Tiwi way of carving from the established carvers here, as well as learning how to be an arts worker.

Raph learnt about Tiwi art (jilamara) and carving at school and wants to keep Tiwi culture strong. As a young child she would go to the old Women's Centre in Wurrumiyanga with her grandmother and watch the ladies weaving. She plays in the Tiwi Islands Football League for Tapalinga Superstars.

Group Exhibitions

2026	Ngawa Ngirramini, Our Story – Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2025	Kiripapurajuwi [Clever with our hands]. An exhibition of works on paper and carvings by Ngaruwanajirri women artists, Qubit Gallery, Darwin, NT