



# Short St. Gallery

## Lillias Bujava (Kausara)

<b>Birth Year</b>	1977
<b>Birthplace</b>	Gorabuna Village Oro Province Papua New Guinea
<b>Language Group</b>	Omie Sahuote
<b>Region</b>	Pacific Region

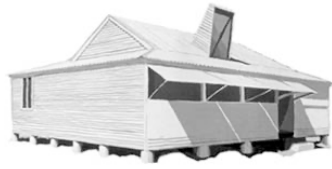


## Biography

Lillias Bujava (Kausara) has quickly become one of the most accomplished artists amongst a new generation of Omie barkcloth painters. She utilises an array of traditional Sahuote clan designs, experimenting with repetitious and often highly complex compositions within the oriseege (pathways). Combined with her exacting application of coloured pigments, she creates hypnotic visual effects with a wholly unique vitality and dynamism. Her work was included in *Wisdom of the mountain: Art of the Omie* at the national Gallery of Victoria International. To mark the opening of the landmark exhibition Lillias, along with her husband the master Sahuote songman Raphael Bujava and her son Ian, she performed a traditional jo'erramo ohu'o javavamo (song and dance) to a delighted audience.

## Group Exhibitions

2021	Spirit in Bark: A Celebration of Bark Art from Across Oceania (group exhibition with Maningrida Arts & Culture and Elcho Island Arts), Koskela, Sydney, Australia
2020	The Feeling of Mountain Forest: Ömie Art of New Guinea (Online Christmas Exhibition)
2020	Where Clouds Are Spirit Parrots: Art of the Ömie Women, Delmar Gallery, Sydney, Australia
2019	Niugini - Land of the Unexpected I, ArtKelch, Freiburg, Germany
2019	Oceanic Art Society Tribal Art Fair, National Art School, Sydney, Australia
2018	Ömie Barkcloth Art - Papua New Guinea, Japingka Aboriginal Art, Perth
2017	Ömie Women Artists, Tunbridge Gallery Perth
2016	The Sacred Mountain, Illuminated: Ömie Barkcloth Art of Papua New Guinea, Aboriginal Signature - Estrangin Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium
2016	Omie Artists of Papua New Guinea, Aboriginal Signature - Estrangin Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium
2016	Mionomehi Oriseegé (Ancestral Paths), Short Street Gallery, Broome



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- 2015 Hijominöe Modéjadé (Guided by Ancestors): Ömie Artists 10th Anniversary Exhibition, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
- 2015 An Exploration of Bark (in association with Ömie Artists and Maningrida Arts & Culture), Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2015 Under the Volcano: Art of Ömie from Papua New Guinea, Museum Fünf Kontinente, Munich, Germany
- 2014 Ömie Artists: Contemporary Tapa Art from Papua New Guinea, ArtKelch, Freiburg, Germany
- 2014 Nohi jajwe boromu mai dahoru Huvaimo va'ene (Our Culture is Strong like Our Mountain, Huvaimo), Harvey Art Projects, Sun Valley, ID, USA
- 2014 To Dance in Beauty: Ömie Tapa from New Guinea, Blak Dot Gallery, Melbourne
- 2013 Volcanic Visions: Barkcloth Art of the Ömie, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 Suja's Daughters, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane
- 2013 Painted and Woven in Song: Ömie Barkcloths and Bilums, RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs
- 2013 Of Spirit and Splendour: Barkcloth Art of the Ömie, ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
- 2012 Nohi Dahoru'e - Nohi Nioge (Our Mountain - Our Art), The Depot Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 We hold out mother's teachings in our heart and hands, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2010 The Art of Ömie, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
- 2009 Wisdom of the Mountain: Art of the Ömie, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2008 Ömie Art of Mt Lamington, New Guinea Gallery, Sydney

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Modjeska, Drusilla, Suja's Daughters [exhibition catalogue], Andrew Baker Art Dealer, 2013

Kelch, Robyn; and King, Brennan, Niugini - Land of the Unexpected I, ArtKelch, Freiburg, Germany ArtKelch, Freiburg, 2019



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## **Collections**

Museum Fünf Kontinente, Munich, Germany

Private Collections