



Short St. Gallery

Paul Nabulumo Namarinjmak

Birth Year 1971
Language Group Kuninjku
Region Maningrida, NT



Kuninjku artist Paul Nabulumo, born in 1971, is the son of acclaimed artist, Mick Kubarkku (1925 - 2008). Kubarkku was known for his painting of moon, sun and stars, which are djang from sites on his country, Dirdbim. Nabulumo has continued to paint this iconic imagery handed down from his father. Other common subjects of his work are waterholes, ngalyod (rainbow serpent), mimih and yawkyawkw spirits and dilly-bags. Elements of his fathers expression remain in Nabulumo's work and can be seen particularly in the faces of his mimih and yawkyawkw spirit carvings and paintings. Nabulumo however has developed his own aesthetic, there is an elegance to his rarrk and thoughtfully tonality to his palette that is his own.

Nabulumo began exhibiting in 2000, participating in his first group show at Aboriginal Art & Pacific (Sydney). His work was included in the historic exhibition <<rarrk>> at the Bargehouse in London in 2007. His work was also selected for the 23rd and 28th Telstra National & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibitions.

Nabulumo has shown both locally and internationally at highly regarded commercial spaces such as Josh Lilley Fine Art in the UK, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi in Melbourne, Annandale Galleries in Sydney and most recently at Paul Johnstone Gallery in Darwin. The artist's work can be found in various collection including that of the National Gallery of Australia and the Museum of Victoria.

"Dirdbim literally means 'image of the moon'. The site is a large unusually round hole in a sandstone residual on the plain not far from the Mann River. The large hole is said to be the full moon created by the rainbow serpent 'ngalyod' who pierced the rock in times of the 'Dreaming' and left the shape of the full moon.



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Exhibitions

2018	Mardayin - Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2018	From Coast to Escarpment: Spirit Worlds of Maningrida - Michael Reid, Sydney
2018	Outstation - Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
2016	Maningrida Arts - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2014	Spirits - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2012	Maningrida Group Show - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2011	28th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art NT
2009	Sculptures - Josh Lilley Fine Art, National Geographic Store, London, UK
2009	Sculpture Show - Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2008	Weaving around the Traps - Chapman & Bailey, Melbourne, VIC
2008	Maningrida Arising - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2008	Maningrida Arts - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2007	Maningrida Group Show - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2007	Crossing the Dreaming Land - Gallery Anthony Curtis, Boston, USA
2007	Rarrk - Bargehouse Gallery, London, UK
2007	Spirit in Variation Part II - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2007	New Works - Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2006	Peintures sur écorce de Maningrida - African Muse Gallery, Paris, France
2006	Sculptures from Maningrida - William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2006	Lorrkons and Spirit Figures - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2006	23rd Telstra National & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibition - Darwin, NT
2005	After Crossing Country, a survey bark exhibition - Indigenart, Perth, WA
2005	Bark paintings and carvings from Maningrida - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2005	Recent works from Maningrida - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2005	Sticks & Stones - Bandigan Aboriginal Art & Craft, Sydney, NSW
2005	Rarrk, flowing on from Crossing Country - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2005	New works from Maningrida - Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London, UK
2005	Spirit Beings and Lorrkon - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2004	Fibre and sculptures, Indigenart, Fremantle, WA - Indigenart, Fremantle, WA
2004	Maningrida Recent Works - William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2003	Moon, one icon, many stories - Arthouse Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2003	Out of the wet - new art by Kuninjku artists - Framed gallery, Darwin, NT
2003	The Visit - Annandale galleries, Sydney, NSW
2000	Kuninjku Cosmology: recent works by Mick Kubarkku and his sons - Aboriginal & Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW

Collections

Lavery Collection, Sydney, NSW
Museum of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia