



Short St. Gallery



Alison Puruntatameri

Born	1984
Language Group	Tiwi
Region	Melville Island

Alison was born in Pirlangimpi on Melville Island. She grew up in Pirlangimpi and went to the local school. After she completed school, she worked in child care. She has one daughter, Anette Orsto known locally as Sugar Plum who is a great favourite at the art centre studio where Alison paints with her mother Paulina (Jedda) Puruntatameri, her partner James Orsto and the other artists.

It was Alison's grandfather, Justin Puruntatameri (deceased) a senior law man who told Alison she should have a go at painting. He knew all the old songs and remembered visits by the Maccassans to the Tiwi Islands when he was a boy. Alison would listen to his stories of his paintings at the art centre and on country. He used to take the family hunting when she was little. He would also take them out bush bashing in his two door toyota ute called Black Nose. He used to teach them how to cook wallabies, mussels lots of foods all together under the ground wrapped in paperbark.

Alison started painting in late 2011 and she quickly became well recognised. Alison has been a finalist in several prestigious art awards, including the Museum of Contemporary Art's 2014 Primavera Art Award, the 2022 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (Telstra NATSIAA), the 2022 Alice Prize, and the 2023 Ramsay Art Awards at the Art Gallery of South Australia

Group Exhibitions

2025	Melbourne Art Fair 2025- Alison Puruntatameri & Carol Puruntatameri, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Vic
2024	Yoi, SAATCHI Gallery, UK



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2024	Across the Water Exhibition, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA
2024	Yoi, GJM, London, UK
2024	Ngini Ngawula Pikaryingini (Our Stories), Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT
2023	Ngarukuruwala Kapi Murrukupuni (we sing to the land), Cooee Art Leven, Redfern, NSW
2023	Art of Tiwi Artists of Munupi- Tamaranthi Festival 2023 Exhibition, Aiarts gallery, Belair, SA
2023	Pupuni Mantimanga - Fine Lines, Everywhen Art Space, Flinders, Victoria
2023	Kurrujupunyi - Ochre Colours, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT
2023	Ramsey Art Award Art Gallery of South Australia
2022	Telstra NATSIA Art Award 2022 – Finalist
2022	NGININGUWULA KURRUJIPUNI Our Own Tiwi Ochre Colours – Darwin Hilton Double Tree
2022	Line In Parallel – Artitja Fine Art Gallery, WA
2022	Tiwi Creation – Cooee Art Redfern
2022	Wynne Prize 2022 – Finalist – Art Gallery New South Wales
2022	Alice Spring Art Foundation Prize – Finalist – Araluen, Alice Spring
2021	Tiwi Papers, Tamaranthi Festival 2021, Art Gallery of South Australia
2021	Banapa, Nets of the Tiwi Islands - on line exhibition-Red Dot fine art Gallery, Singapore
2021	YIRRIKIRRIWOJA JILAMARA, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT
2020	Tiwi Islands to Arrnhemland Munupi Maningrinda, Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA
2020	Yalininga, Ngarripantingija, Ngirramini Aboriginal Signature, Estrangin Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgique
2019	Journey Through Culture Red Dot Fine Art Gallery, Temporary Gallery, North St, Adelaide, SA
2018	Nginingawula Awirankiniwaki, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT
2018	One island one side, Yati Ratuwati Yatuwati, Art Aborigène des Iles TIWI Aboriginal Signature, Brussels, Belgium
2016	Point of difference; Desert to sea, Artitja fine Art, Engine Room, Perth, WA
2016	Ngawila Jilamara, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT
2014	Primavera 2014, Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia, Sydney, NSW
2013	Munupi Art is Tiwi Life, Marshall Art, Hyde Park, Adelaide, SA
2013	Nginingawula Munupi Jilamara - Our paintings, Marshall Arts, Hyde Park, SA
2012	Tiwi Book Launch, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Caulfield North, Melbourne, VIC



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Collections

Veolia Collection, Pirmont, NSW
yilli mreung Corporation, Yarrawonga, NT
Westfarmer Collections, Perth
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
Goulburn Regional Art Gallery
Libby and Michael Kingdon Collection

Awards

2023	Finalist, Ramsay Art Award
2022	Finalist, The Alice Art Prize
2022	Finalist, Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards
2015	Primavera Veolia Acquisitive Prize