



Short St. Gallery

Alison Puruntatameri

Born 25/11/1984
Language Group Tiwi
Region Tiwi Islands



Biography

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 at Munupi Arts Centre in late 2011. Alison was a finalist in the Museum of Contemporary Arts 2014 Primavera Art Award.

Group Exhibitions

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| 2022 | Telstra NATSIA Art Award 2022 – Finalist |
| 2022 | NGININGUWULA KURRUJIPUNI Our Own Tiwi Ochre Colours – Darwin Hilton Double Tree |
| 2022 | Line In Parrallel – 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 Sping |
| 2021 | Tiwi Papers;Tarnanthi Festival 2021; Art Gallery of South Australia |
| 2021 | Banapa, Nets of the tiwi Islands - on line exhibition-Red Dot fine art Gallery, Singapore |
| 2021 | YIRRINKIRRIPOWA JILAMARADarwin Hilton Double Tree, august |
| 2020 | Tiwi Islands to Arnhemland Munupi ManingrindaArtitja Fine Art Gallery; South Fremantle; WA |
| 2020 | Yalininga, Ngaripantingija, NgirraminiAboriginal Signature • Estrangin |



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	Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgique
2019	Journey Through CultureRed Dot Fine Art Gallery, Temporary Gallery, North St, Adelaide, SA
2018	Nginingawula AwirankiniwakiHilton Double Tree Hilton, August 2018
2018	One island one side. • Yati Ratuwati Yatuwati • Art Aborigène des Iles TIWI Aboriginal Signature, Brussels, Belgium
2016	Point of difference; Desent to sea Artitja fine Art at Engine Room. Perth. WA
2016	Ngawila Jilamara ExhibitionHilton Double Tree, Darwin
2014	Primavera 2014Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney NSW
2013	Munupi Art is Tiwi LifeMarshall Art, Hyde Park, Adelaide, SA
2013	Nginingawula Munupi Jilamara. Our paintingsMarshall Arts, Hyde Park, SA
2012	Tiwi Book LaunchVivien Anderson Gallery, Caulfield North, Melbourne, Vic

Collections

Veolia Collection, Pirmont, NSW
yilli rreung Corporation, Yarrowonga, NT
Westfarmer Collections, Perth
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

Awards

2015 Primavera Veolia Acquisitive Prize