



Short St. Gallery

Joe Guymala



Birth Year 1969
Language Group Kunwinjku
Region Arnhemland

Biography

Joe Guymala lives and works in Gunbalanya. He frequently spends time Manmoyi, his outstation in Western Arnhemland and is the grandson of Namerredje (John) Guymala. He has toured nationally as a musician with Nabarlek Band and Mimih Band and helped to write many songs with his knowledge of traditional stories and country. Guymala's work is often playful and documents his contemporary day to day life out bush, he also acknowledges his fore-fathers' paintings in the rock shelters of Arnhemland as a great source of inspiration. Joe works exclusively in natural ochre's using 'Manyilk' a thin grass brush to apply line after line, layer after layer to create his very powerful and unique compositions. In January 2020, Joe Guymala went on a residency at the Kluge Ruhe Collection in Virginia and opened two exhibitions in the town.

Group Exhibitions

2021 Northern Waters Exhibition, Short St Gallery Broome, WA

2020 KABIMDI : THERE ARE PAINTINGS THERE THAT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
THERE – Short St Gallery, Broome

2020 MunguyhMunguyh (Forever): Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of The John W
Kluge Injalak Commission, The Rotunda, University of Virginia, USA

2020 The Inside World: Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Memorial Poles, Fralin
Museum, University of Virginia, USA

2018 Joe Guymala, provenance Arts, Darwin, NT

2017 'Salon Des Refuses', Charles Darwin University, Darwin



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- 2017 'Mayhmayh -Different Birds', Works on paper, bark and hollow logs, Nomad Art Gallery, Darwin
2016 Rising Stars, Outstation Station Gallery, Darwin, NT

Collections

Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
Dennis School, USA
Kluge Collection, Charlottesville, USA

Commissions

- 2016 Denis Scholl, Lorrkon (Hollow Log) commission, USA