



# Short St. Gallery

## Joe Guymala

**Birth Year** 1969  
**Language Group** Kunwinjku  
**Region** Gunbakanya, Arnhem Land, NT



## 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.

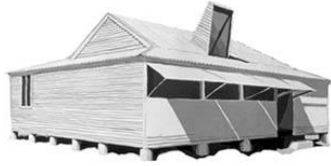
In January 2020, Joe Guymala went on a residency at the Kluge Ruhe Collection in Virginia and opened two exhibitions in the town.

## Solo Exhibitions

2021 Mankerrnge Bim', Joe Guymala Solo Show, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London, UK

## Group Exhibitions

2023 Bininj Djang Men Dreaming, Short Street Gallery, Broome. WA  
2021 Earth Magic – Tineriba Gallery, Hahndorf, SA  
2021 Northern Waters Exhibition, Short St Gallery Broome, WA  
2021 Kunwaral: Shadows Of Western Arnhem Land', Coconut Studios, Darwin, NT  
2020 KABIMDI : THERE ARE PAINTINGS THERE THAT HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE – Short St Gallery, Broome  
2020 MunguyhMunguyh (Forever): Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> 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



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- 2018 Joe Guymala, provenance Arts, Darwin, NT  
2017 'Salon Des Refuses', Charles Darwin University, Darwin  
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