



# Short St. Gallery



## **Madelene Purdie**

Born                      1975  
Language                Gija  
Region                    East Kimberley

### **Biography**

Madelene Purdie was born in Wyndham, attended Ngalangangpum primary school in Warmun then she completed her secondary education in Broome. Madelene is the Chair of Warmun Community and is also the Manager of the Warmun Aged Care program.

Purdie takes her traditional country as the subject of her paintings including her mother, Shirley Purdie's country. She also paints Ngarranggarni stories from her grandmother and grandfather's country in Norton Bore, Violet Valley and Argyle. She continues to paint the Ngarranggarni stories told to her by her older family members.

Madelene is also an accomplished carver and makes bird sculptures from boab nuts and jarlalu wood.

### **Solo Exhibition**

2021                      Warrambany: Flood Waters – Short St Gallery, Broome WA

### **Group Exhibitions**

2022                      Ngamu & Kilyingem: Old and New – Artworks from Gija Women –  
Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2020                      Revealed Exhibition 2020: New & Emerging WA Aboriginal Artists –  
Fremantle Arts Centre, WA  
2018                      Art for Wellbeing – Boab Health Services, Kununurra WA