

# Short St. Gallery



## Glen Namundja

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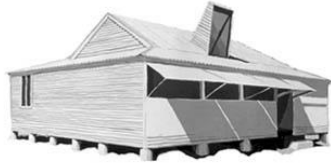
**Language** Kunwiniku

**Region** Arnhem Land

Glen Namundja is a passionate artist who draws on great cultural integrity for inspiration in his work. The depth of his artistic oeuvre reflects his confidence in creating intense compositions from his extensive cultural knowledge. These complex works are often densely populated with entwined figures and infilled with extensive rarrk (cross-hatching).

Namundja imbues his paintings with a potency that is compelling. His art is reflective of his character as an artist who will continually challenge himself. He first solo exhibition in Melbourne took place in 2008 and was a sell-out show. His 'Likkanaya and Marrayka', was awarded the 2009 National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award in the Works on Paper category, and he has been a NATSIAA finalist several times, most recently in 2021.

Glen's innovative stylistic merging of West Arnhem Land figurative painting with extensive rarrk is very much his own. Glen Namundia comes from a long line of unique and talented artists. His father was artist Peter Maralwanga who was a key teacher for them when they were learning to paint as young men. Glen's brothers are renowned artists Ivan Namirriki and Samuel Namundja. They all grew up together at Markolidjban outstation near the Liverpool River in West Arnhem Land.



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## Solo Exhibitions

2008 'Lineal through Linear: Glen Namundja', Mossenson Gallery Melbourne VIC

## Group Exhibitions

- 2023 Bininj Djang Men Dreaming, Short Street Gallery, Broome. WA  
2021 'National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award 2021', Darwin  
2015 'Tarnanthi Contemporary Art festival', Tandanya, South Australia  
2015 'Salon Des Refuses', Darwin Waterfront, Darwin  
2015 "Dolobbo: Contemporary Bark Paintings from Injalak Arts', Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney  
2014 'National Works on Paper', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria  
2013 'Wurrkabal', Netanya Resort, Noosa QLD  
2013 'NATSIAA', MAGNT, Darwin  
2013 'Injalak Arts Exhibition', Better World Arts, Port Adelaide  
2012 'NATSIAA', MAGNT, Darwin  
2010 Israel Art Fair and Exhibition, Tel Aviv  
2009 'Togart', Chan Contemporary Art Space, Darwin  
2009 'NATSIAA', MAGNT, Darwin  
2008 'NATSIAA', NATISAA, Darwin  
2007 'Works on Wood from Stone Country', Mossenson Gallery, Melbourne  
2007 'The Injalak Hill Suite', Aboriginal & Pacific Art Gallery Danks St, Sydney  
2007 'NATSIAA', MAGNT, Darwin  
2006 '2nd Peter Billie Acquisitive Art Award', Flinders University ,Adelaide SA  
2006 'Wet & Dry', Mossenson - Indigenart Gallery, Perth WA  
2006 'The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize', South Australia Museum, Adelaide, SA  
2006 'Namundja Brothers', Bandigan Art, Sydney NSW  
2006 'National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award NATSIAA', Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT  
2005 'Art from the Stone country', Dec, Darwin NT  
2005 'Concord', Framed, Darwin NT  
1998 'The Hague Unites the Nations', The Hague, Netherlands  
1998 'Meerzigt', Zoetermeer, Netherlands  
1998 'Dreamings', Spazio Pitti Arte, Florence, Italy  
1995 Savode Gallery, Brisbane QLD  
1994 'The Ninth National Aboriginal Art Award Exhibition', Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT  
1994 'Australian Heritage Commission A.T.S.I. Art Awards'  
1994 'Aboriginal & Tribal Art Gallery', The Rocks, Sydney NSW  
1993 'Editions', Southbank, Melbourne Vic



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## **Awards**

- 2013 Finalist, Works on Paper category Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2012 Finalist, Works on Paper category Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2011 Finalist, Work on Bark category, National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2010 Winner, Works on Bark category National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2009 Highly Commended, West Australian Premier's Art Awards 2009 Finalist, Togart Contemporary Art Award (acquired)
- 2009 Finalist, Togart Contemporary Art Award (acquired)
- 2009 Winner, Works on Paper category National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2008 Finalist, Highly Commended and Acquired National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2007 Finalist, National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Art Award

## **Collections**

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory,  
National Maritime Museum  
Toga Group, Darwin

## **Bibliography**

- 2005 Louise Hamby, 'Twined Together: Kunmadj njalehnjaleken', Injalak Arts and Crafts Association