

Jimmy John Thaiday

Born in 1978, a Torres Strait Isander

BIOGRAPHY

Thaiday spends his time fishing and walking along the beach, by doing this he can closely analyse the sea creatures and study their movements. He has always had a passion for drawing, it it something that came naturally to Thaiday. Now he draws with wire to give the frames of my sculptural forms life and energy. Recently he has been working with ghost nets as his primary medium, using the lines of the rope to express stories that relate to the landscape. Thaiday explores different ways of creating, including digital imagery, to use the destructive nets and ropes. His aim is to bring the animals and landscape together, embedding himself and the community into the landscape so they are seen as one. Thaiday's devotion to his art comes from his love for his identity and cultrue.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 Incoming Tide, JGM Gallery, London

RESIDENCIES / ART PRIZES / PUBLIC ART

- 2022 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award Multimedia
- 2018 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards, Best 3D Work
- 2017 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards, Commended
- 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards, Commended

COLLECTIONS

National Museum of Australia 19 & 18; DFAT, Jakarta Museum of Anthropology, Museum of Natural History, Le Havre; UBC National Maritime Museum, Sydney Musée d'ethnographie de Genève (MEG), Switzerland

