



Nongirrna Marawili

c. 1938, De Rose Hill Station, SA, Australia

Lives and works in Mimili, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, SA, Australia

BIOGRAPHY:

Nongirrna is the daughter of the Madarrpa' warrior Mundukul (Lightning snake) and a Galpu woman Bu`unguwuy. Nongirrna was a wife of Djapu statesman Djutjadjutja Munungurr (deceased) who won Best Bark painting at the National Aboriginal Art Awards 1997 in which she ably assisted. She was the mother of four sons before birthing her two daughters, Marrnyula and Rerrkirwana (both artists- Rerrkirr won Best Bark in Telstra 2009). Nongirrna is a highly respected senior in her community knowledgeable in two educational systems and practitioner in bush and also institutions. She is a prolific producer of art, her work includes carvings, bark paintings and editioned prints. As well many of the works attributed to her husbands were crosshatched by Nongirrna teaching her family the required skills. She most often paints her husband's Djapu clan, her mother's Galpu clan's designs or her own Madarrpa.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2016 Nongirrna Marawili Bark, Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, NZ
- 2016 Nongirrna Marawili - Baratjula, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC, Australia
- 2015 Lightning and the Rock, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC, Australia
- 2014 Nongirrna Marawili - Yathikpa, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC, Australia
- 2013 Nongirrna Marawili: And I am Still Here, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC, Australia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2016 Nomad Art, Darwin NT - Gapan Gallery, Darwin
- 2016 Nomad Art Productions, Darwin NT - Gapan Gallery in the Past
- 2016 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Printspace Exhibition
- 2016 Koskela, Sydney NSW - Yirrkala Print Space Group Show
- 2016 Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin NT - Balnhdhurr - A Lasting Impression
- 2016 Raft Artspace - Core Collective Studio Space, Hobart TAS - Mala - Together as a Group
- 2015 Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin NT - 32nd National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2015 Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA - Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards
- 2015 Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, Sydney NSW - Nonggirnga Marawili represented by Alcaston Gallery

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- 2015 Brumby Ute, USA - Lumggurma/North
- 2015 James Cohen Gallery, New York City, USA - All Watched Over
- 2015 The Cross Art Projects, Sydney NSW - Mother to Daughter: On Art and Caring for Homelands
- 2015 Yirrkala, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Bark Paintings and Sculptures from East Arnhem Land
- 2014 Goulburn Regional Gallery, Goulburn NSW - Kitchenalia
- 2014 Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin NT - 31st Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2014 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition
- 2013 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT - 30th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 2013 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition
- 2012 Darwin, NT - Gan'yu Gallery, Darwin Festival
- 2012 Chan Contemporary Art Space, Darwin NT - Togart NT Contemporary Art Awards
- 2011 Framed Gallery, Darwin NT - Miyalk - Women, Feminine Art from Yirrkala
- 2008 Galuku Gallery, Darwin Festival, Darwin Botanical Gardens, NT - 'After Berndt - Etchings from the Drawings
- 2008 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - 'After Berndt - Etchings from the Drawings
- 2007 Galuku Gallery, Darwin Festival Print Exhibition, Botanical gardens, Darwin NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Japanese woodblock
- 2007 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Japanese woodblock
- 2007 Annandale Galleries, Sydney NSW - Mother and Daughter, Nongirrna and Marrnyula
- 2006 Albury Regional Museum, NSW - Ngann Girra Festival
- 2006 Darwin Festival, Darwin Botanical Gardens, NT - Galuku Gallery
- 2006 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition
- 2005 Darwin Festival, Darwin Botanical Gardens, NT - Galuku Gallery
- 2005 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition
- 2004 Darwin Festival, Darwin Botanical Gardens, NT - Galuku Gallery
- 2004 Gapan Gallery, Garma Festival, Gulkula, Northeast Arnhem Land NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Print Space Exhibition
- 2001 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC - Yirrkala
- 2001 Northern Territory University, Darwin NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka - Yirrkala Screenprints
- 2000 Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane QLD - Printmakers Touring Exhibition
- 2000 Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra ACT - Buku-Larrnggay Printmakers - Touring Exhibition
- 1999 Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane QLD - 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour
- 1999 Hogarth Gallery, Sydney NSW - Buku-Larrnggay Printmakers - Touring Exhibition
- 1999 The Original Dreamtime Gallery, Alice Springs NT - Buku-Larrnggay Printmakers - Touring Exhibition
- 1999 Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT - 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour
- 1999 Museum of Modern Art at Heide, Melbourne VIC - 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour
- 1999 The National Maritime Museum, Sydney NSW - 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from

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- Yirrkala' - A National Tour
- 1999 John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, Perth WA - 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour
- 1999 Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London UK - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Printmakers and Dhalwangu Clan Bark Paintings
- 1999 Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra ACT - 'Saltwater Country - Bark Paintings from Yirrkala' - A National Tour
- 1999 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne VIC - Buku Printmakers and Djambawaw Marawili Carvings
- 1999 Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative, Sydney NSW - Printmakers Touring Exhibition
- 1999 Crafts Museum, Delhi, India - Gapu Miny'tji - Sacred Water Designs of the Australian Aborigines of north-east Arnhem Land
- 1998 Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA - Buku Printmakers and Bark Paintings
- 1998 Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin NT - 15th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award
- 1998 Aboriginal Fine Arts Gallery, Darwin NT - Buku-Larrnggay Printmakers Exhibition
- 1998 Buku-Larrnggay, Yirrkala NT - Buku-Larrnggay Mulka printmakers exhibition
- 1996 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT - 13th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards
- 1995 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne VIC - Miny'tji Buku-Larrnggay, Paintings from the East
- 1994 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne VIC - Power of the Land, Masterpieces of Aboriginal Art
- 1994 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT - The 11th National Aboriginal Art Awards Exhibition

RESIDENCIES / ART PRIZES / PUBLIC ART:

- 2015 Finalist and highly commended: Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards
- 2015 Winner: Best Bark Painting 32th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards
- 2014 Finalist 31th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards
- 2013 Finalist Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize, Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo VIC
- 2013 Finalist 30th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards

COLLECTIONS:

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW
 Berndt Museum, University of Western Australia, Perth WA
 The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne VIC
 Debra and Dennis Scholl Collection

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