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Paulina Puruntatameri

Born 1957
Language Tiwi
Region Tiwi Islands

Paulina Puruntatameri, who is also known as Jedda, is a senior Cultural Leader and advisory to the Munipi Boards of Directors.

"I only started painting a few few years ago but I was already working at Munupi providing Tiwi language translations for stories connecting to our paintings. My interests are looking and preserving culture, language, art and songs. One of my passions is digital archiving and repatriation of our old artifacts that have been taken from the Tiwi Islands and one day they will returned back to their rightful place. One day this will happen!"

"It's for our future generation to learn and respect and embrace their cultural side. Who they are and where they are from. We as the Tiwi people are the custodians of our lands. We must speak for the land and make sure we look after the land and the sea."

"In my painting of the Maruti, the jikipayinga (female crocodile), she leaves her salt water and comes into the fresh water to build her nest and lay crocodile eggs. Sometimes she has to leave her nest and look for food. The Tiwi people would steal her eggs! She will come back and be very angry!"

"With the education system today a teacher may have 14 students in class, however, when school ends she ends up with only 7. What happened to the other 7? Maybe the system did not tend to their needs. The moral of my story is that the



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female crocodile was not a careless mother but had to feed herself. She did not have a baby sitter like we do."

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 NGININGUWULA KURRUJIPUNI our own Tiwi Ochre Colours - Darwin Hilton Double Tree
- 2022 Tiwi Creation - Cooee Art Redfern
- 2022 Alice Spring Art Foundation Prize - Araluen, Alice Spring
- 2022 Rotary Club Victor Harbor Art Show 2022 - Victor Harbor SA
- 2021 YIRRINKIRIPWOJA JILAMARA - Darwin Hilton Double Tree
- 2020 Yalininga, Ngaripantingija, Ngirramini - Aboriginal Signature - Estrangin Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgique
- 2019 Pupini Jilamara Nginingwula (our Beautiful paintings) - Hilton Double Tree Hilton
- 2018 Nginingawula Awirankiniwaki - Hilton Double Tree Hilton
- 2017 Yrringinkirri Pwoja - Hilton Double Tree Hilton
- 2017 Kiripapuranjuwi (skilled Hands) - Red Dot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
- 2016 Ngawila Jilamara Exhibition - Hilton Double Tree, Darwin
- 2016 Spiritual Materialism - Illeena Tounta Art Centre, Athens , Greece
- 2014 WE ARE TIWI, Munupi Artists from Melville Island, Artitja Fina Art, Fremantle, WA
- 2013 Nginingawula Munupi Jilamara. Our paintings - Marshall Arts, Hyde Park, SA
- 2012 Tiwi Tradition: Munupi Artists of Melville Island - Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA

Publications

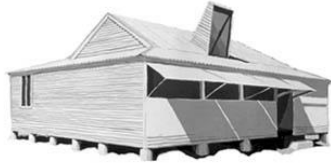
- 2016 Spiritual Materialism, Dimitioos Antonitsis, Illeena Tounta Contemporary Art Centre, Athens, Greece

Collections

Kaplan and Levi Collection, Seattle, Washington, USA
Andrew Penn Collection

Awards

- 2022 2022 Vicror Harbor Art Show – Agile Minin Services, Pultong Tjetjurumi Yamalatji Award



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