

# EVERYWHEN ART

## ARTIST CV

### Alison Puruntatameri



Date of birth: 1984

Place of birth: Pirlangimpi, Tiwi Islands, NT

Language: Tiwi

Alison was born in Pirlangimpi on Melville Island. She grew up in Pirlangimpi and went to the local school. After she completed school she worked in child care. She has one daughter, Annette Orsto known locally as Sugar Plum who is a great favourite at the art centre studio where Alison paints with her mother Paulina (Jedda) Puruntatameri, her partner James Orsto and the other artists.

It was Alison's grandfather, Justin Puruntatameri (deceased) a senior law man who told Alison she should have a go at painting. He knew all the old songs and remembered visits by the Maccassans to the Tiwi Islands when he was a boy. Alison would listen to his stories of his paintings at the art centre and on country. He used to take the family hunting when she was little. He would also take them out bush bashing in his two door Toyota ute called Black Nose. He used to teach them how to cook wallabies, mussels, lots of foods all together under the ground wrapped in paperbark.

Alison started painting at Munupi Arts Centre in late 2011. Alison has been a finalist in several prestigious art awards, including the Museum of Contemporary Arts 2014 Primavera Art Award; Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (Telstra NATSIAA) 2022; The Alice Prize 2022; and the Art Gallery of South Australia's 2023 Ramsay Art Awards.

#### Group exhibitions

**2023** Kurrujupunyi - Ochre Colours, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT

**2023** Ramsey Art Award, Art Gallery of South Australia, SA

**2022** Telstra NATSIA Art Award 2022 - Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of NT

**2022** NGININGUWULA KURRUJIPUNI Our Own Tiwi Ochre Colours, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT

**2022** LINE IN PARALLEL, Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA

**2022** Tiwi Creation, Cooee Art, Redfern

**2022** Finalist, Wynne Prize 2022, Art Gallery New South Wales, Sydney, NSW

**2022** Alice Springs Art Foundation Prize, Finalist, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT

**2021** Tiwi Papers, Tarnanthi Festival, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA

**2021** Banapa, Nets of the Tiwi Islands, on line exhibition, Red Dot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore

**2021** YIRRINKIRRIPOWA JILAMARA, Darwin Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT

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- 2020** Tiwi Islands to Arnhemland Munupi Maningrinda, Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA  
**2021** Yalininga, Ngaripantingija, Ngirramini, Aboriginal Signature • Estrangin Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgium  
**2019** Journey Through Culture, Red Dot Fine Art Gallery, Temporary Gallery, North St, Adelaide, SA  
**2019** Pupini Jilamara Ngingingwula (Our Beautiful Paintings), Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT  
**2018** Ngingingawula Awirankiniwaki, Hilton Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT  
**2018** One island one side • Yati Ratuwati Yatuwati, Art Aborigène des Iles TIWI, Aboriginal Signature, Brussels, Belgium  
**2016** Point of Difference; Desert to Sea, Artitja Fine Art at Engine Room, Perth, WA  
**2016** Ngawila Jilamara Exhibition, Hilton Double Tree, Darwin, NT  
**2014** Primavera 2014, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney NSW  
**2013** Munupi Art is Tiwi Life, Marshall Art, Hyde Park, Adelaide, SA  
**2013** Ngingingawula Munupi Jilamara - Our paintings, Marshall Arts, Hyde Park, SA  
**2012** Tiwi Book Launch, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

## Awards

Primavera Veolia Acquisitive Prize, 2015

## Collections

Art Gallery of South Australia  
Goulburn Regional Art Gallery  
Westfarmer Collection, Perth