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Cornelia Tipuamantumirri



Birth date: 1930

Birth place: Melville Island

Language: Tiwi

Cornelia Tipuamantumirri was born in Pirlangimpi (Garden Point), Melville Island in circa 1930. Her father's ancestral country is Imalu Point, Melville Island and mother's ancestral country is Munupi, Melville Island. Her skin group is Warntarringa (Sun) and her Dreaming Jarrikalani (Turtle).

Tipuamantumirri lives and works at Pirlangimpi where she is a respected Tiwi elder and a member of Munupi Arts & Crafts Association.

Tipuamantumirri uses the kayimwagakimi, a traditional carved wooden painting comb with a single row of teeth. Using an ochre palette of pinks, yellows, blacks and browns, her work depicts significant aspects of Tiwi life and culture with repeated dotted lines referring to yirrinkiripwoja (body painting) and the tidal movements of the surrounding seas. Tipuamantumirri, who began painting in 2010, is also a skilled weaver.

Solo exhibitions

2014 Warnarringa – Jarrikalani: Sun – Turtle, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne

2014 Cornelia Tipuamantumirri – Selected Paintings, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

2013 Cornelia Tipuamantumirri – New Paintings, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne

2011 Purunguparri (Stringy Bark Hut), Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne

Group exhibitions

2019 Colours of my Country, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2019 Top End Ochre, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2015 Ngawa Munupula/Ngawa Kiripapiranjuwi: New Paintings from Munupi Art on the Tiwi Islands, Outstation Gallery, Darwin

2015 Cornelia Tipuamantumirri and Delores Tipuamantumirri: New Paintings, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney

2014 We are Tiwi: Munupi Arts from Melville Island, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA

2014 The Tiwi: Art from Jilamara & Munupi Art Centres, Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, Virginia, USA

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2013 Nginingawila Munupi Jilamara: Our Paintings from Munupi, Marshall Arts, Adelaide

2012 Kirilima + Jarrikalani – Jungle Fowl + Loggerhead Turtle, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne

2012 MelbourneMasterstroke, Harvison Gallery, Perth

2012 Tiwi Tradition – Munupi Artists of Melville Island, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA

2011 Nginingawila Kurrujipini (Our Colour), Tiwi Art Network, Darwin

Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

Museum of Contemporary Art Australia