

THIS IS NO FANTASY

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JOHNATHON WORLD PEACE BUSH

Region: Milikapiti, Melville Island, Northern Territory AUS
Country: Paluwiyanga / Andrangano (Goose Creek)
Language: Tiwi
Skin Group/Tribe: Takaringuiw (Scaly Mullet)
Dance: Tartuwali (Shark)

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Walking Between Two Worlds, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Frieze No.9 Cork Street, London UK
- 2024 My Country, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2023 Everything That Came Before Makes the Present, Linden New Art, Melbourne VIC
- 2023 Faithful, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
- 2023 The Armory Show, New York, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Javits Center, New York USA
- 2022 Sydney Contemporary Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Carriageworks, Sydney NSW
- 2022 Melbourne Art Fair, Jilamara Arts and Crafts Association, Melbourne VIC

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 PUNCTUATE. THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne
The Alice Prize 2026, Finalist Exhibition, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
- 2025 LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani Awungarra, University of New South Wales UNSW Galleries, Sydney NSW
65,000 Years: A Short History of Australian Art, Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne VIC
Spring1883 Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne VIC
Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, Finalist Exhibition, Museum and Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT
Fremantle Print Award 2025, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth WA
GIRRA: Fraser Coast National Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Pinalba QLD
Calleen Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Cowra Regional Gallery, Corwa NSW
Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Campbelltown NSW
Mosman Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Mosman NSW
Quarantine Art Fair, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Portsea VIC
- 2024 Our Country, NGV x Country Road First Nations Art Commission, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne VIC
Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, Finalist Exhibition, Museum and Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT
Mosman Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney NSW
Geelong Contemporary Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Geelong Gallery, Geelong VIC
68th Blake Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney NSW
- 2023 ORBIT, Group Show, THIS IS NO FANTASY, Melbourne VIC
Sir John Sulman Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW
King & Wood Mallesons First Nations Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Griffith University Art Museum, QLD
Fisher's Ghost Art Award - Finalist, Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW
Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art 2023 - Finalist, Montsalvat Barn Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- 2022 WHO ARE YOU: Australian Portraiture, National Portrait Gallery, ACT (touring)
15 Artists 2022 - Finalist, Redcliffe Art Gallery, Moreton Bay, QLD
Retribution: What Happens Next? Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, NT
Mosman Art Prize - Finalist, Mosman Art Gallery, NSW
- 2021 UN/LEARNING AUSTRALIA, Artspace, Sydney and Seoul Museum of Art (SeMA), South Korea
Tiwi Artists, Tiwi Papers, Tarnanthi at Art Gallery South Australia, Adelaide, SA
52 Artists, 52 Actions, Artspace, Sydney, NSW
Absolut Art Project, Brook Andrew Studio, online
Salon de Refuses, Salon Art Projects, Darwin, NT
Jilamara, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA
Yirrinkirripwoja, Tiwi Exhibition, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT

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- 2020 TIWI, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
Groundswell, NCCA, Darwin, NT
Yalininga Ngaripantingija Ngirramini, Aboriginal Signature Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
Jilamara: circles, dots, lines, Artspace, Sydney, NSW
Awurankini Jana Yimaninmarrampilya Ningani, Karluwu Ngini Ngawula Ngima, Darwin, NT
- 2019 Tarnanthi at Art Gallery South Australia, Adelaide, SA
Tiwi Jilamara, Queenscliff Gallery and Workshop, Queenscliff, VIC
Turnuwa amintiya kirijipuni, Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
Pupini Jilamara Nginingwula (Our Beautiful Paintings), Double Tree Hilton, NT
- 2018 Tarnanthi at Art Gallery South Australia, Adelaide, SA
One Island One Side, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Belgium
Jilamara and Munupi Arts, Chapman & Bailey, Melbourne, VIC
Nginingawula Awirankini Waki (Our New Work), Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT
- 2017 Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani (held in conjunction with Print Council of Australia), Melbourne, VIC
Ngini Parlingarri Amintiya Ningani, Nomad Art Gallery, Darwin, NT
Yirringinkiri Pwoja, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT
- 2016 Ngawila Jilamara, Double Tree Hilton, Darwin, NT

PRIZES + AWARDS

- 2026 Finalist – The Alice Prize, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
- 2025 Highly Commended – GIRRA: Fraser Coast National Art Prize, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, QLD
Highly Commended – Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA), NT
Finalist - Mosman Art Prize, Sydney NSW
Finalist – Calleen Art Award, Cowra NSW
Finalist – Fisher's Ghost Art Award, NSW
Finalist – Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth WA
- 2024 Finalist – Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA)
Finalist – 68th Blake Prize, Sydney NSW
Finalist – Mosman Art Prize, Sydney NSW
Finalist – Geelong Contemporary Art Prize, Geelong VIC
- 2023 NGV x Country Road First Nations Mentorship Commission with mentor Pedro Wonaeamirri
Finalist – Sir John Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales NSW
Finalist – King & Wood Mallesons First Nations Art Award QLD
Finalist – Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown NSW
Finalist – Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art, Melbourne VIC
- 2022 Finalist – 15 Artists, Redcliffe Art Gallery, Moreton Bay QLD
Finalist – Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, NSW

COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales
National Gallery of Victoria
Art Gallery of South Australia
Macquarie Group Collection
Artbank Australia
Kluge-Ruhe Art Museum, USA
University of Melbourne

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- 2022 MeMo Review, Victoria Perin, MeMo
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