

# THIS IS NO FANTASY

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## JOHNATHON WORLD PEACE BUSH

Region: Milikapiti, Melville Island, Northern Territory AUS  
Country: Paluwiyanga / Andranganoo (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, Pialba QLD  
Calleen Art Award, Finalist Exhibition, Cowra Regional Gallery, Corowa 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  
68<sup>th</sup> 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  
Yirrlinkirripwoja, 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 – 68<sup>th</sup> 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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Best Booths at The Armory show, ARTnews

The Armory Show Reviews, Wall Street Journal

2022 MeMo Review, Victoria Perin, MeMo

2021 UN/LEARNING AUSTRALIA, exhibition publication, Artspace and SeMA, South Korea

52 Artists, 52 Actions, Artspace: Sydney

Ceremonial Beauty and Ancestral Connections, The Guardian Australia

Tiwi: National Gallery of Victoria, The Monthly Australia

2020 Ryan, Judith (ed.), TIWI: Arts & Artists, exhibition publication, National Gallery of Victoria