

Prints & Poles

Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre

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Collection of works

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Information

The Koskela Gallery is pleased to present Prints & Poles, a collection of works from Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre.

Located 700km east of Darwin in Yirrkala, a small Aboriginal community in North Eastern Arnhem Land, Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre is a First Nations owned and run hub of creativity.

Prints & Poles is a showcase of this creativity, featuring an array of larrakitj and works on paper including a selection of etchings, which highlight the culturally rich and diverse practice of Yolŋu artists.

The name Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre derives from:

Buku-Larrngay – *“the feeling on your face as it is struck by the first rays of the sun”*

Mulka – *“a sacred but public ceremony”*

The Larrakitj had its traditional use for the Yolŋu people as an ossuary or bone container erected as a memorial to a dead kinsman up to a decade after death. A further role for this cultural form is as a fine art object and an instructional tool for younger

generations. Artworks of this nature have multiple layers of metaphor and meaning which give lessons about the connections between an individual and specific pieces of country (both land and sea), as well as the connections between various clans but also explaining the forces that act upon and within the environment and the mechanics of a spirit's path through existence.

This string figure etchings are the third series of prints made as a result of the Yirrkala community's reconnection with matjka – a field of knowledge retention passed down through the use of string figures. First the string was made from the pounded and softened inner bark of Darrangulk (Kurrajong) and then separated fibres are twined on the thigh and the retwined into a two-ply string.

In Yirrkala, the string figures were transferred by the artists from their hands to cardboard supports and then using a soft-ground etching technique pressed, leaving an imprint capturing the fine textured detail of the bush string.

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Walu 15L - ART-BUK-137-16-14/20
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Mulkun Wirrpanda
Etching, White grain frame
Framed: 70cm (w) x 89cm (H), paper: 56.5cm (W) x 76cm (H)
\$940



Walu 15K - ART-BUK-136-16-9/20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda
Etching, White grain frame
Framed: 70cm (W) x 89cm (H), paper: 56.5cm (W) x 76cm (H)
\$940



Wanupini - ART-BUK-450-18-17/50
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Nawurapu Wunurṁurra (dec)
Screen print, White grain frame
Framed: 89.5cm (W) x 69cm (H), image: 76cm (W) x 56cm (H)
\$995



Gara - ART-BUK-3386-19-1/AP
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Djätji Garrawurra
Etching, White grain frame
Framed: 52cm (W) x 78.5cm (H), paper: 39cm (W) x 65.5cm (H)
\$771



Bathi - ART-BUK-3371-19-5/10
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Marnyula Mununggurr
Etching, white grain frame
Framed: 46.5cm (W) x 54cm (H), paper: 33.5cm (W) x 41cm (H)
\$672



Miyapunu - ART-BUK-3390-19-7/10
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Wanharrawurr Mununggurr
Etching, White grain frame
Framed: 52cm (W) x 78.5cm (H), paper: 39cm (W) x 65.5cm (H)
\$771



Goanna - ART-BUK-3370-19-2/10
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Marnyula Mununggurr
Etching, White grain frame
Framed: 52cm (W) x 54cm (H), paper: 39cm (W) x 41cm (H)
\$694



Garrimala - ART-BUK-3070-20-4/50
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Malaluba Gumana (dec)
Collagraph and screen print, White grain frame
Framed: 99cm (W) x 70.5cm (H), paper: 86cm (W) x 58cm (H)
\$1697

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Dhatam - ART-BUK-2766-19

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Malaluba Gumana (dec)
Larrakitj
14cm (W) x 211cm (H)
\$9450



Bulwutja - ART-BUK-937-20

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Muluymuluy Wirrpanda
Larrakitj
12cm (W) x 243cm (H)
\$9526



Bulwutja - ART-BUK-474-20

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Muluymuluy Wirrpanda
Larrakitj
22cm (W) x 252cm (H)
\$10,320



Bulwutja - ART-BUK-7018-19

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Muluymuluy Wirrpanda
Larrakitj
21cm (W) x 245cm (H)
\$11,113



Bulwutja - ART-BUK-5780-19

Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre
Muluymuluy Wirrpanda
Larrakitj
17cm (W) x 243cm (H)
\$8735



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