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Bugji

• Top End

The Koskela Gallery is pleased
to present *Top End Bugji*.

A group exhibition featuring Buku Arts, Maningrida Arts and Ngukurr Arts.
Sept 19 — Nov 1 2020

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Group Exhibition

Top End Bugi is a showcase of innovation and expertise from the Arnhem Land Artists of Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre, Ngukurr Arts Aboriginal Corporation and Maningrida Arts and Culture. Presenting a series of works on Stringybark and selection of Larrakitj, *Top End Bugi* celebrates the creativity and diversity of bark artists, emerging and established.

Connecting city and country, *Top End Bugi* is a spotlight for contemporary bark art, combining *Top End*, a collective term given to the northernmost region of the Northern Territory and *Bugi*, the Darug (Sydney Aboriginal Language) word for bark.

As a cultural practice, bark art is a continuation of tradition, passing down sacred stories, designs and teachings through intricate strokes. The collection process begins after the wet season when the Stringybark tree is stripped, cured by fire, weighted and left to dry. Then using earth pigments, designs are layered, often with crosshatched strokes that speak to the cultural identity and visual language of the artist.

The evolution of bark painting as a contemporary artform is grounded in keeping culture strong. Capturing the bond between Aboriginal cultures and land, bark art has played a significant role in the progression of land rights and human rights for Indigenous peoples. The 1963 Yirrkala Church panels depicting Yolŋu birthrights and bark petitions are testament to this.

Today, artists continue to make cultural statements through their practice, with many developing new ways to express identity and share their stories to a wider audience.

Art centre Instagram handles:

- Buku-Larrngay Mulka Centre @bukuartnow
- Ngukurr Arts Aboriginal Corporation @ngukurrarts
- Maningrida Arts and Culture @maningridaarts





Buku Arts



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Bulwutja - ART-BUK-1893-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda Elisabeth
Earth pigments on Stringybark
122cm (H) x 44cm (W)
\$4200



Bulwutja - ART-BUK-1981-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda Elisabeth
Earth pigments on Stringybark
163cm (H) x 81cm (W)
\$9000



Bulwutja - ART-BUK-2016-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda Elisabeth
Earth pigments on Stringybark
89cm (H) x 68cm (W)
\$4200



Galaday ga Läka - ART-BUK-2127-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda Elisabeth
Earth pigments on Stringybark
126cm (H) x 44cm (W)
\$4200



Läka - ART-BUK-2069-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda Elisabeth
Earth pigments on Stringybark
96cm (H) x 46cm (W)
\$3800



Garrapara - ART-BUK-947-19
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Manini Gumana
Earth pigments and sand on Stringybark hollow pole
197cm (H) x 17cm (W)
\$7200

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Garrapara - ART-BUK-199-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Manini Gumana
Earth pigments and sand on Stringybark hollow pole
199cm (H)
\$7500



Garrapara - ART-BUK-1756-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Manini Gumana
Earth pigments on Stringybark
107cm (H) x 44cm (W)
\$3200



Yukuwa - ART-BUK-3082-17
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Djirrirra Wunurṁurra Yukuwa
Earth pigments on Stringybark hollow pole
212cm (H) x 13cm (W)
\$5500



Yukuwa - ART-BUK-1806-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Djirrirra Wunurṁurra Yukuwa
Earth pigments on Stringybark
126cm (H) x 40cm (W)
\$3500



Yukuwa - ART-BUK-2275-20
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Djirrirra Wunurṁurra Yukuwa
Earth pigments on Stringybark
125cm (H) x 58cm (W)
\$3800



Nambara - ART-BUK-5140-16
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Mulkun Wirrpanda Elisabeth
Earth pigments on Stringybark hollow pole
235cm (H)
\$5100



Maningrida Arts



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Ngalyod (Rainbow Serpent) - ART-MAC-1677-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Melba Gunjarrwanga
Bark Painting
114cm (H) x 42cm (W)
\$1712



Untitled - ART-MAC-2390-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Eugenie Bonson
Bark Painting
83cm (H) x 61cm (W)
\$2165



Barddedde - ART-MAC-2771-18
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Eugenie Bonson
Bark Painting
75.5cm (H) x 24cm (W)
\$1330



Wak Wak - ART-MAC-1206-19
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Melba Gunjarrwanga
Bark Painting
128cm (H) x 38cm (W)
\$2600



Ngalyod (Rainbow Serpent) - ART-MAC-1541-19
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Apphia Wurrkidj
Bark Painting
101.5cm (H) x 54.5cm (W)
\$1402



Warraburnburn - ART-MAC-192-20
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Matilda Pascoe
Bark Painting
126cm (H) x 61cm (W)
\$2470

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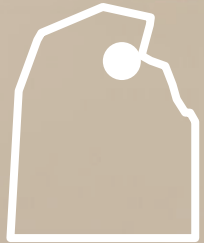
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King Brown Snake - ART-MAC-234-20
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Glorean Campion
Bark Painting
126cm (H) x 46cm (W)
\$1640



Wak Wak - ART-MAC-261-20
Maningrida Arts & Culture
Apphia Wurrkidj
Bark Painting
94cm (H) x 26cm (W)
\$1160



Ngukurr Arts



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Untitled - ART-NAC-272-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
129cm (H) x 40cm (W)
\$635



Stone Spear - ART-NAC-325-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
66cm (H) x 27cm (W)
\$300



Stone Spears - ART-NAC-461-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
90cm (H) x 30cm (W)
\$556



Barramundi - ART-NAC-93-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
35cm (H) x 83cm (W)
\$362



Devil Devil - ART-NAC-254-18
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wally Wilfred
Bark Painting
98cm (H) x 69cm (W)
\$775



Devil Devil - ART-NAC-274-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wally Wilfred
Bark Painting
77cm (H) x 36cm (W)
\$702

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Man with Tools - ART-NAC-122-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wayne Bingal
Bark Painting
102cm (H) x 35cm (W)
\$465



Bones - ART-NAC-124-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wally Wilfred
Bark Painting
52cm (H) x 63cm (W)
\$516



Turtle - ART-NAC-89-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
44cm (H) x 20cm (W)
\$145



Stone Spear - ART-NAC-270-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
127cm (H) x 50cm (W)
\$465



Devil Devil - ART-NAC-125-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wally Wilfred
Bark Painting
164cm (H) x 91cm (W)
\$2787



Mustering - ART-NAC-123-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Jill Daniels
Bark Painting
35cm (H) x 80cm (W)
\$516

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Emu - ART-NAC-322-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wally Wilfred
Bark Painting
23cm (H) x 49cm (W)
\$310



Stone Spears - ART-NAC-37-19
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Norman Wilfred
Bark Painting
60cm (H) x 21cm (W)
\$290



Barramundi - ART-NAC-92-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Wayne Bingal
Bark Painting
30cm (H) x 62cm (W)
\$330



Cow Girls - ART-NAC-85-20
Ngukurr Arts Centre
Jill Daniels
Bark Painting
41 (H) x 48cm (W)
\$516



For further details and purchasing information,
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