



ERUB ARTS
TORRES STRAIT



ARTIST PROFILE

Name: **Jimmy Kenny Thaiday**

Torres Strait Islander

Traditional Language: Erub Mer

Tribe: Peiudu (Frigate bird)

Totem: Womer and Dabor

Year of Birth: 1987

Lives: Darnley Island, Torres Strait

Works: Erub Ewer Meta – Darnley Island Arts Centre

ARTIST STATEMENT

I was born in Cairns and grew up on Erub (Darnley Island) in the Eastern Torres Strait. My Tribal clan is Peiudu, one of four tribes on Erub. Art has always been part of my life; it is something I like doing and expressing myself through. My inspiration for my artwork is from my heritage, livelihood and the environment, in which I live, and the cultural traditions that have been passed on through generations and taught has also had an influence on my work. My family has always encouraged my art practice giving me confidence and motivation to keep developing my ideas and techniques.

QUALIFICATIONS

2008 NORTH QUEENSLAND TAFE VISUAL ARTS COURSE Cert III

- Screen printing
- Lino printing
- Batik
- Stamping
- Wood carving
- Etching
- Marbling

2004 Woree State High School Yr 12

Achievements:

Individual Awards

- 2015 Best 3D Work Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards
- 2014 Selected Telstra National Indigenous Art Award
- 2014 Selected Shepparton Indigenous Ceramic Award
- 2014 Best Traditional Artefact Gab Titui Art Awards
- 2013 15th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival, Best ICTV Station ID award
- 2013 Highly Commended Telstra Indigenous Art Awards - Media

Participation in Exhibitions

- 2015 Keriba Gedera Mer Alcaston Gallery

Participation in Group Exhibitions

- 2016 Torres Shire Cultural Festival, Thursday Island
- 2016 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair
- 2016 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
- 2016 Ailan Bumer, School of Art, ANU, Canberra
- 2016 Taba Naba, Oceanic Museum, Monaco
- 2016 Singapore Contemporary Art Fair
- 2015 Museum of Australian Democracy, Right Here Now
- 2015 Tarnanthi Art Fair, Adelaide SA
- 2015 Our Island, Our Sea ... an ocean away, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair
- 2015 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
- 2015 Salon de Refuse
- 2014 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
- 2014 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair
- 2014 Saltwater Country, Gold Coast City Gallery
- 2013 Paper, The Tanks
- 2013 Our Stories, Our Place, Tandanya
- 2013 Gab Titui Art Awards
- 2013 Sea Journeys – New Caledonia, return voyage, Kick Arts
- 2013 Kinship James Cook University & The Tanks
- 2013 Renegades Kick Arts
- 2012 Sea Journeys, our home our people Langford 120 Gallery, Melbourne
- 2012 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
- 2012 Float, Woolloongabba Art Gallery
- 2011 Island Echoes, Erub Erwer Meta
- 2011 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
- 2011 Land, Sea and Sky, GoMA Torres Strait Islands: A Celebration
- 2011 4th Gab Titui Art Awards Exhibition
- 2011 Mossenson Galleries Under 30's Exhibition, Perth and Melbourne
- 2010 Gem Actopuar Exhibition, Erub

- 2010 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair
- 2010 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
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- 2009 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
- 2009 Meg Agoragor, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Thursday Island
- 2008 Banggu Minjaany, NQ TAFE, Cairns
- 2008 Gab Titui Art Awards Exhibition 2008- highly commended
- 2007 Work Exhibited at Darwin Art Fair
- 2005 Erub Buai Giz Ira Atami Lu Akar Ge (Erub people making things together)

Participation in Group Commissions

- 2013 Dauma and Garom, ghostnet sculpture, Australia Museum, Sydney
- 2011 Land, Sea and Sky, GoMA Torres Strait Islands: A Celebration
- 2011 Illum, ghostnet sculpture Arts Queensland
- 2010 Market Place Ailan Pos, Erub
- 2009 Meg Agoragor Ailan Pos, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Thursday Island

Workshops/Meeting

- 2016 Fix & Make workshop, Hotel Hotel, Canberra
- 2016 Waterline workshop, Larapuna, Tasmania
- 2013 Animation using iPads, IRCA Media Festival
- 2013 Media Training, Jan Cattoni, Erub
- 2013 Sea Journeys, Noumea & Lifou
- 2013 Sea Journeys, a series of workshops, Erub
- 2013 Governance Training, Erub
- 2012 Weaving Expo, Erub
- 2012 Arts Law, Erub
- 2012 Sea Journeys, a series of workshops, Erub
- 2012 Media Training, Jan Cattoni
- 2012 GhostNet Australia Workshop Hammond Island
- 2011 Sea Journeys, a series of workshops, Erub
- 2010 Body Ornamentation Workshops, Erub
- 2009 Governance training
- 2008 Etching (NQ Tafe)
- 2008 Marbling (NQ Tafe)
- 2008 Carving (Erub Erwer Meta) with John Gabey

Public Collections

- National Maritime Museum
- National Gallery Australia
- National Museum Australia
- Parliament House
- Cairns Regional Gallery

Festivals

2013 IRCA Media Festival, Ntaria

2008 Attended Torres Strait Cultural Festival Thursday Island

Media

2013 Telstra entry

2011 SBS Documentary

<http://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/video/2164851893/Keepers-of-the-Light>

2011 Jimmy's own film <http://vimeo.com/32432708>

Presentations

2013 UflaUpla National Textile Forum Cairns