

ART ON THE MOVE, THE JILINBIRRI WEAVERS & SARAH TRANT PRESENT



MEDIA RELEASE

ART ON THE MOVE is giving venues and galleries around the state the opportunity to showcase an exciting exhibition that delicately captures intricate woven designs and traditional Aboriginal craft in a new and contemporary art form.

Mudlark (Jilimbirri) Metals is a delicate and intricate body of work that captures detailed woven designs and represents a traditional Aboriginal craft in metal. This exhibition showcases the work of the Jilimbirri Weavers in a new and contemporary art form, and brings to life the Aboriginal artists' sense of community and cultural heritage. ART ON THE MOVE presents this exciting, contemporary exhibition and will be touring these intricate works throughout Australia.

This is one of the first times in Australia an Aboriginal weaving group has experimented and worked in metal to produce inspiring works that reflect memorable childhood stories. In 2013, contemporary WA jewellery designer Helena Bogucki travelled to Carnarvon to experience this sense of community and work with the Jilimbirri Weavers to develop their art forms. Through the use of traditional materials such as grasses and wool, and experimenting with found objects, such as wire, seeds, and banana fibre, the Weavers have translated their woven forms into innovative cast metal objects.

The Jilimbirri Weavers are a small group of Aboriginal artists from Carnarvon in WA, including Antoinette Roe, Elaine Moncrieff, Marjorie Winmar and Avy Robinson. They have worked together since 2004, dedicating their lives to cultural heritage and community through their arts practice, creating a unique and contemporary style that celebrates the Gascoyne region and their community.

Mudlark Metals woven baskets were created as representations of the Jilimbirri Weavers time spent at the Gascoyne river flats, "*where the desert meets the sea*". These works were crafted in traditional materials inspired by the artists' childhood stories, growing up in station out camps around the Pilbara and Murchison areas. Many stories of family fishing trips, camping and horse riding in the outback, can be seen through these detailed works.

The word *Jilimbirri* comes from the North West Australian Aboriginal *Yamatji* word for an Australian bird, and is also known as mudlark in Western Australia. Jilimbirri's are characterised by their group gatherings and playful behaviour, they are also well known for their nests made of grass and plant material woven together with mud, lined with feathers and fur.

Mudlark Metals brings together the community spirit and childhood stories of the Jilinbirri Weavers and showcases their beautiful intricate works in a unique and contemporary art form.

If you are a venue or gallery interested in booking the *Mudlark (Jilinbirri) Metals* exhibition or would like to check out the touring dates of the exhibition you can contact ART ON THE MOVE at artmoves@artonthemove.com.au.



Image credit (above):
Woven Basket by Marjorie Winmar, wool and lemongrass.
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Image credit (above):
Bronze Bungarra by Marjorie Winmar, bronze (banana fibre and cotton).
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EXHIBITION ON SHOW

Shark Bay World Heritage Centre
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Opening Hours: Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm
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For more information about *Mudlark (Jilindirri) Metals* you can visit the ART ON THE MOVE website www.artonthemove.com.au.

Mudlark (Jilindirri) Metals is proudly presented by the Jilindirri Weavers and Sarah Trant.

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