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Dhapa Ganambarr

Date of Birth: 02/02/1975
Clan: Njaimil
Homeland: Rorruwuy
Moiety: Dhuwa

Biography

Dhapa is the younger brother of celebrated artist Gunybi Ganambarr. He usually lives between Gangan and Dhanaya communities, but sometimes stays at Gunyujara.

Encouraged by his talented brother, Dhapa started to produce works of fine quality in 2009. In recent years he has been producing excellent yidaki.

What distinguishes Dhapa from other yidaki makers is his attention to detail and his innovation. His work is of consistently high quality, both acoustically and aesthetically. Being a skilled yidaki player, he is able to assess suitable stems and only cuts those that can be made into top quality instruments. He often travels far throughout the Miwatj region to areas where there are excellent naturally occurring stems waiting to be made into great yidaki. He often works together with Marikuku Wirrpanda.

With a strong sense of care with his work, he finely shapes and finishes his yidaki, with particular care given to the shape of the mouthpiece and the overall thickness of the timber. This aspect of his work has seen him rise to one of the most respected yidaki makers in a short space of time. His work is now sought after by musicians and collectors from all parts of the world.

Collections

Yidaki in numerous private collections world-wide