

GRACIE KUMBI



Born	1968
Country	Malfiyin
Language	Ngen'giwumirri

Gracie Kumbi was born in Darwin and resides at Daly River-Naiyu Nambiyu Community. She attended the local school where the teachers taught her drawing. On completion of her primary she then went on to St John's College in Darwin. She left St John's to come back to the community where she started painting at the Women's Centre.

Kumbi has a distinctive style that is unique to her. She creates patterns to compliment the painting. Kumbi's three sisters are also well known artists in their own rights. She is a mentor to younger nieces and nephews. Gracie is now employed as the Indigenous Arts Coordinator at Merrepen Arts.

Exhibitions

- 1988-2015 Merrepen Arts Festival, Naiyu Daly River NT
- 2002 Indignart, Japan
- 2001-2003 Endirrlup Meeting Place, Darwin NT
- 1998 National Indigenous Heritage Award, Old Parliament House, Canberra ACT
- 1996 Paintings from the Daly River, Raintree Gallery, Darwin NT
- 1994 11th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 1992 Out of the Chrysalis, Blaxland Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1989 Green River Dreams, Birrkumarri Gallery, Perth WA
- 1989 Songs from the River, Birrkumarri Gallery, Perth WA
- 1987 Paintings by the women of Naiyu, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT

Collections

- Northern Territory Conservation Commission
- World Council of Churches
- St Mary's Cathedral Darwin
- Merrepen Arts Gallery, Naiyu NT
- Darwin International Airport
- Anglican Church Darwin
- Museum of Cultural History, Norway