

## **SANDBEACH DREAMINGS**

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21 October - 16 December 2017 Booker-Lowe Gallery Houston, TX

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Front cover image: detail of Fiona Omeenyo, Family Fishing
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By 2003, I had heard and read about an exciting new group of young Aboriginal artists from far northern Queensland, and happened to be in Washington DC for meetings at the Australian Embassy just before they were to visit the University of Virginia's Kluge-Ruhe Institute of Aboriginal Art. The minute my meetings were over, I headed to Charlottesville, where I had the good fortune to spend time with Lockhart River Art Centre director Sue Ryan, and many of the Lockhart River artists.

I was struck by the contemporary power of their paintings. They reflected clan traditions but in totally new ways, without using any common iconography. I immediately asked Sue if we could arrange an exhibition in Houston, and in November 2004, she, Silas Hobson, and Fiona Omeenyo traveled to Texas for the first exhibition. We called it "Hot, Hotter, Hottest," words taken from the comments of critics about the painters who called themselves the Lockhart River Art Gang!

We are thrilled with the continuing development of the original members of the "Gang," and with the talent that the Lockhart River Art Centre fosters. We invite you to enjoy this catalogue of Sandbeach Dreamings, and to visit us at Booker-Lowe to see why art lovers and critics around the world continue to celebrate these painters.

## Nana Booker

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Dorothy "Dottie" Hobson Croc nest on the Pascoe River bank- Lockhart River Queensland 24.5" x 39" LR.1736



Dorothy "Dottie" Hobson Wukuturu- Coral Trout 15.5" x 15.5" LR.16637



Dorothy "Dottie" Hobson *Fish and Reef- My Country* 25.5" x 38" LR.16875



Elizabeth "Queenie" Gilbet Shake-e-leg Traditional Dance Time 23" x 34" LR.17163



Elizabeth "Queenie" Gilbet Sand Marks 25" x 35" LR.17194



Evelyn Omeenyo *Kaa'uma Echidna* 24.5" x 35" LR.17150



Evelyn Omeenyo Claudie River Tidal Changes 23" x 35" LR.1783



Evelyn Omeenyo Echidna Strolling Under the Moonlight 24" x 35" LR.17152



Evelyn Sandy Fresh Water Tortoise 17.5" x 15" LR.1721



Fiona Omeenyo Big Mob Family 40" x 40" LR.17181



Fiona Omeenyo Parrot Fly Together 41" x 40" LR.17186



Fiona Omeenyo Sunset on the Boat 27" x 40" LR.17141



Fiona Omeenyo Travelling On Sea 40" x 40" LR.17189



Fiona Omeenyo Family Fishing 41" x 40" LR.17188



Irene Namok Warm Day 35.5" x 23.5" LR.1758



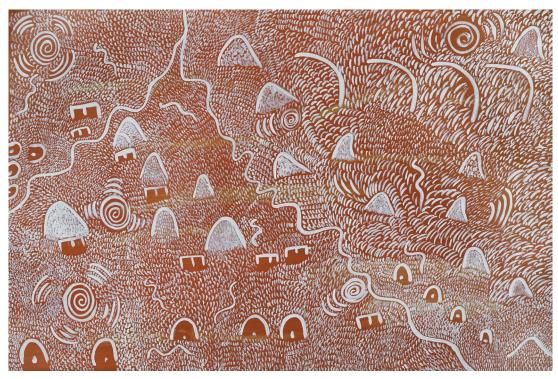
Irene Namok Winter Day 39" x 26.5" LR.16675



Irene Namok
West Claidoe River Crossing
37" x 26"
LR.1758



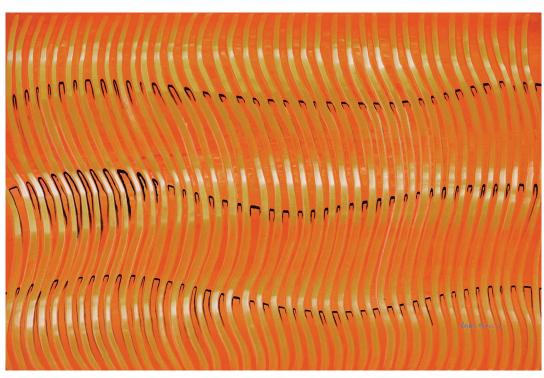
Irene Namok *Untitled* 35.5" x 35.5" LR..17158



Margery Accoom Untitled 24" x 35.5" LR.16716



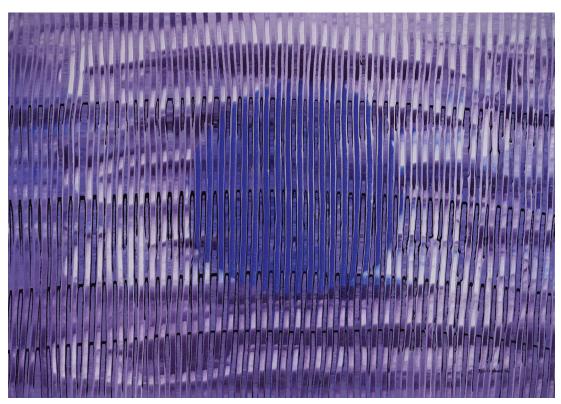
Margery Accoom
Pheasant Bird Feathers- My Totem
35.5" x 35.5"
LR.17164



Rosella Namok Marks in the Sand 35.5" x 24" LR.16817



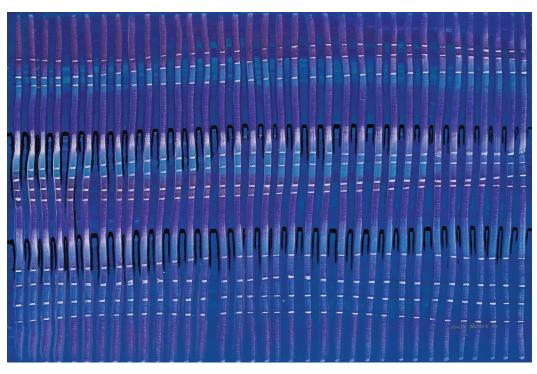
Rosella Namok Pink Bamboo 42.5" x 33" LR.16836



Rosella Namok Blue Moon 35" x 48" LR.16843



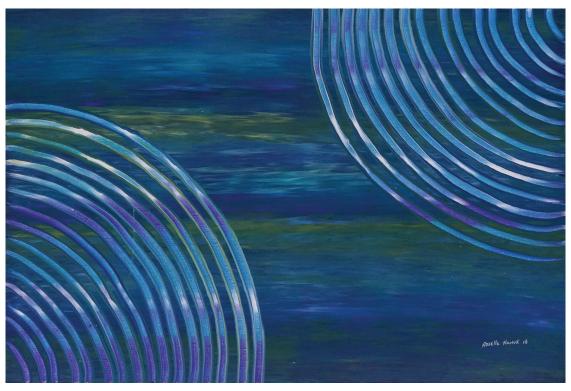
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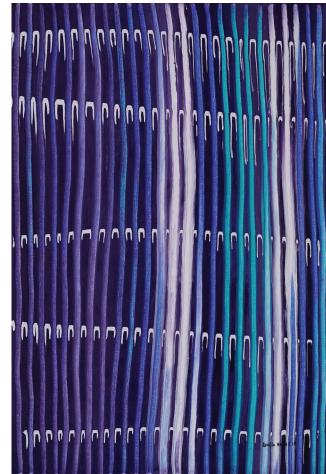
Rosella Namok Patterns in the Water 24" x 35.5" LR.16800



Rosella Namok Hot Day Marks in the Sand 24" x 35.5" LR.16817



Rosella Namok Crossing Chili Creek 24" x 36" LR.16804



Rosella Namok Wave Out at Sea 35.5" x 24" LR.16816



Silas Hobson Untitled 38" x 38" LR.1728



Silas Hobson *Untitled* 35" x 35" LR.17104



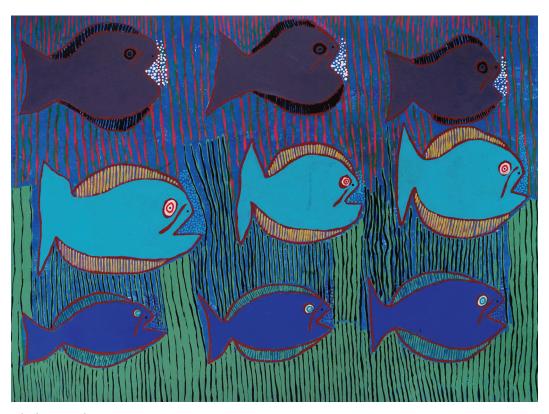
Silas Hobson *Untitled* 35" x 35" LR.17109



Thelma Hobson Pandanus Leaf for Basket Weaving 24" x 34" LR.17173



Thelma Hobson *Catching big rock cod at the Great Barrier Reef* 23.5" x 35" LR.17102



Thelma Hobson *Yapithi- Sea Bream Fish* 37" x 51" LR.1744



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