

woolloomgabby art gallery  
presents

**'Jidmaa Thuwathu'**

**Rainbow Serpent Rising**

June 17th – August 7th 2005

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Woolloomgabby Art Gallery  
in association with  
Mornington Island Art & Craft Centre,  
Woomera Aboriginal Corporation and  
The Queensland Indigenous Arts &  
Marketing Export Agency (QIAMEA),  
extends an invitation (rsvp) to

**'Jidmaa Thuwathu'**  
**Rainbow Serpent Rising**

to be opened by

Helena Gulash  
Director QIAMEA

&

The Mornington Island Dancers and  
Artists of the Mornington Island  
Art & Craft Centre

**6:30pm on Friday 17th of June**  
at the Woolloomgabby Art Gallery  
613 Stanley St, Woolloomgabby

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A curatorial lecture (rsvp) will be presented the following Saturday 25th of June at 1:00pm



## ARTISTS

Arnold Watt  
Billy Koorambabba  
Bradley Wilson  
Darryl Williams  
Emily Evans  
Gordon Watt  
Joelene Roughsey  
John Williams  
Joseph Watt  
Lance Gavenor  
Lex Toby  
Melville Escott  
Reggie Robertson  
Renee Wilson  
Sally Gabori  
Wayne Williams



Mornington Island artist's interdisciplinary approach to the concept of making art has lead dancers who opened the Sydney Opera House in 1973 and have sung for decades of their country to continue a career as an artist. Painting has become for these old men an opportunity to sing and dance again. The current painting workshops being held are recognition of how important these designs and stories are to their custodians. Designs they have carried on their bodies to countries around the world and to audiences from school children to heads of states are actively being used again as a metaphor of cultural identity, a symbol of the strength of Mornington Island's cultures and the desire these artists have to add to the contemporary dialogue of 'painting up country'.

