



NABANG KUNDJAK

(DEADLY VIRUS)

RAY MUDJANDI

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Medicine Man was one of the six superhero characters that made up Mudjandi's 2016 debut exhibition, 'Bininj Ikon'.

'Medicine man is a goodie, his superpower is that he can shrink and go inside the body'

In the artist's latest exhibition 'Nabang Kundjak' the Medicine Man character makes his return amongst a collection of friends and deadly foe, including the dreaded Virus Man.

'Virus Man is a bad guy, a villain; he wants to try and destroy the world by making everyone

sick. He goes up people's nose, he knocks them down, dead'

Virus Man's league of evil include Birndu Man, half man half mosquito and Poison Man also known as Death Shadow.

The contrast and synergy between contemporary Pop culture and Bininj culture is at the heart of Mudjandi's work.

Birndu Man is derived from Bininj Dreaming stories and appears in rock art sites in Kakadu National Park. Mudjandi worked closely with senior Kakadu artist and mentor Abel Naborlhborlh in the creation of the Birndu man character.

'I've seen that painting and old people told me that story. He's a bad man. Kills Bininj; sucks all their blood out.' says Naborlhborlh talking about Birndu Man.

A collaborative bark painting between Mudjandi and Naborlhborlh depicting Birndu man appears in the exhibition.

To combat the evil, Medicine Man is joined by new character Vaccine Man.

'Vaccine man, he came to Medicine Man in 2022 when the virus was in communities.'

Both give strength to Bininj, they go inside the body and give strength. They protect people'





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NABANG KUNDJAK (DEADLY VIRUS)

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OPENING 19 MARCH, 11AM

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Ray Mudjandi
Vaccine Man
2022
ochre and acrylic on bark
30x23 cm
385-22

\$1300



Ray Mudjandi
Birndu Man Collaboration,
2021
ochre on bark
54x25 cm
1548-21

\$1900



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
ochre on bark
34x23 cm
1549-21

SOLD



Ray Mudjandi
Birndu Man (Mosquito Man)
2021
ochre on bark
52x22 cm
1550-21

\$1300



Ray Mudjandi
Ant Man
2021
ochre and acrylic on board
33x23 cm
1551-21

SOLD



Ray Mudjandi
Medicine Man
2022
acrylic on board with fabric backing
137 x 96 cm
397-22

SOLD



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2022
acrylic on board with fabric backing
127 x 93 cm
396-22

SOLD



Ray Mudjandi
Birndu Man (Mosquito Man)
2021
acrylic paint and ink on paper
26x15 cm
1553-21

\$850 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Birdu Man (Mosquito Man)
2021
acrylic paint and ink on paper
37x17 cm
1554-21

\$850 (framed)



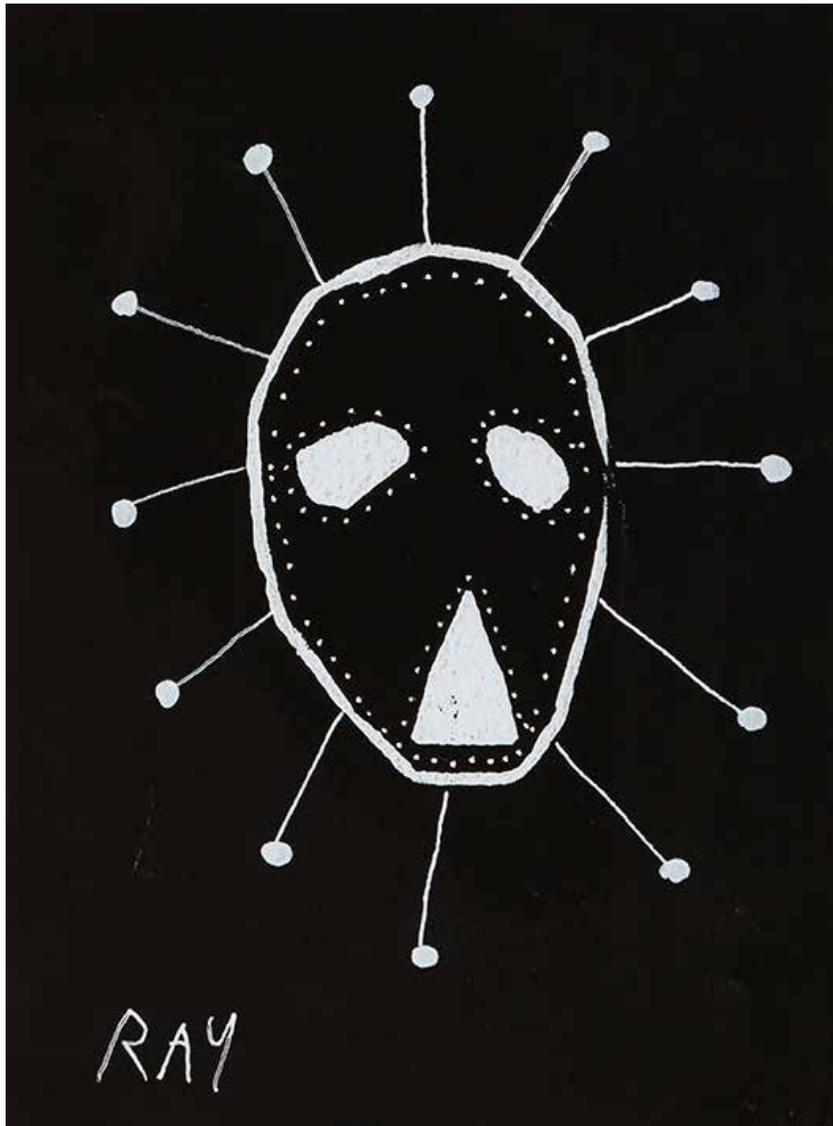
Ray Mudjandi
Birndu Man (Mosquito Man)
2021
acrylic paint and ink on paper
23x12 cm
1555-21

\$850 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Birndu Man (Mosquito Man)
2021
acrylic paint and ink on paper
25x15 cm
1556-21

\$850 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-1/15

\$550 (framed)



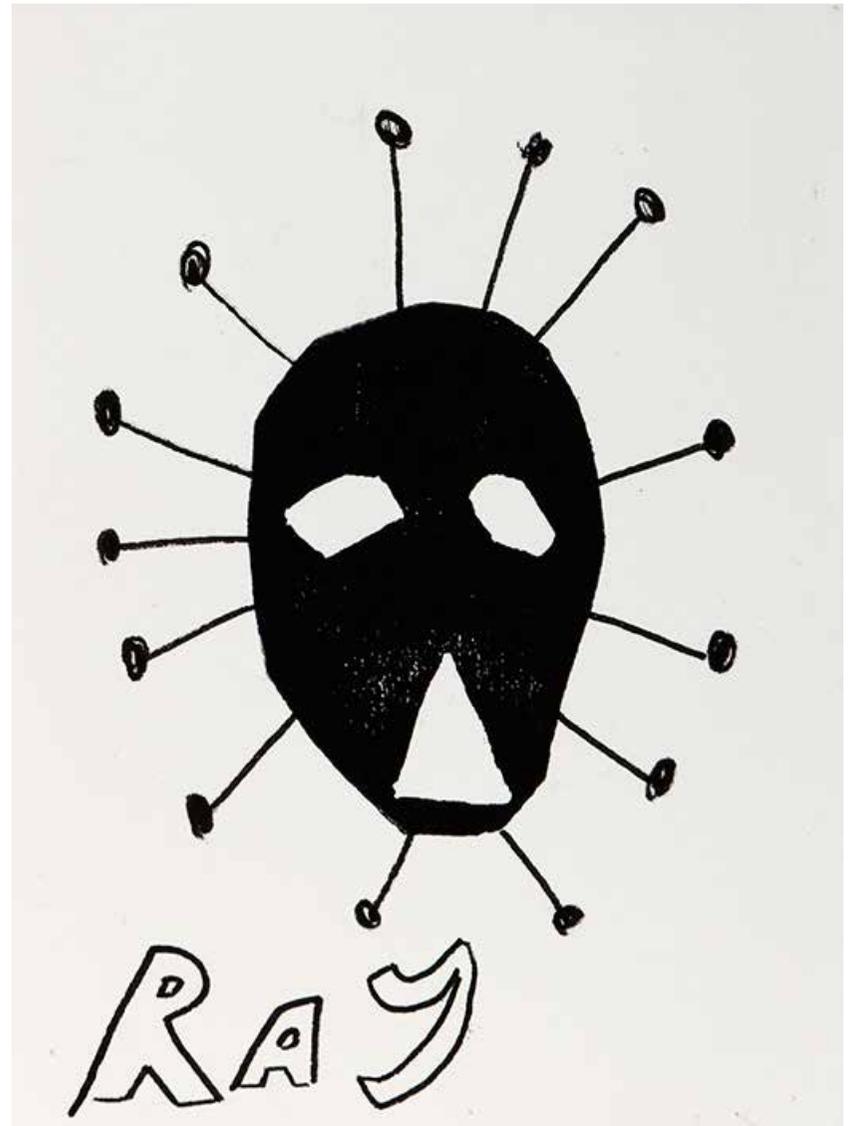
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Virus Man
2021
linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-3/15

\$550 (framed)



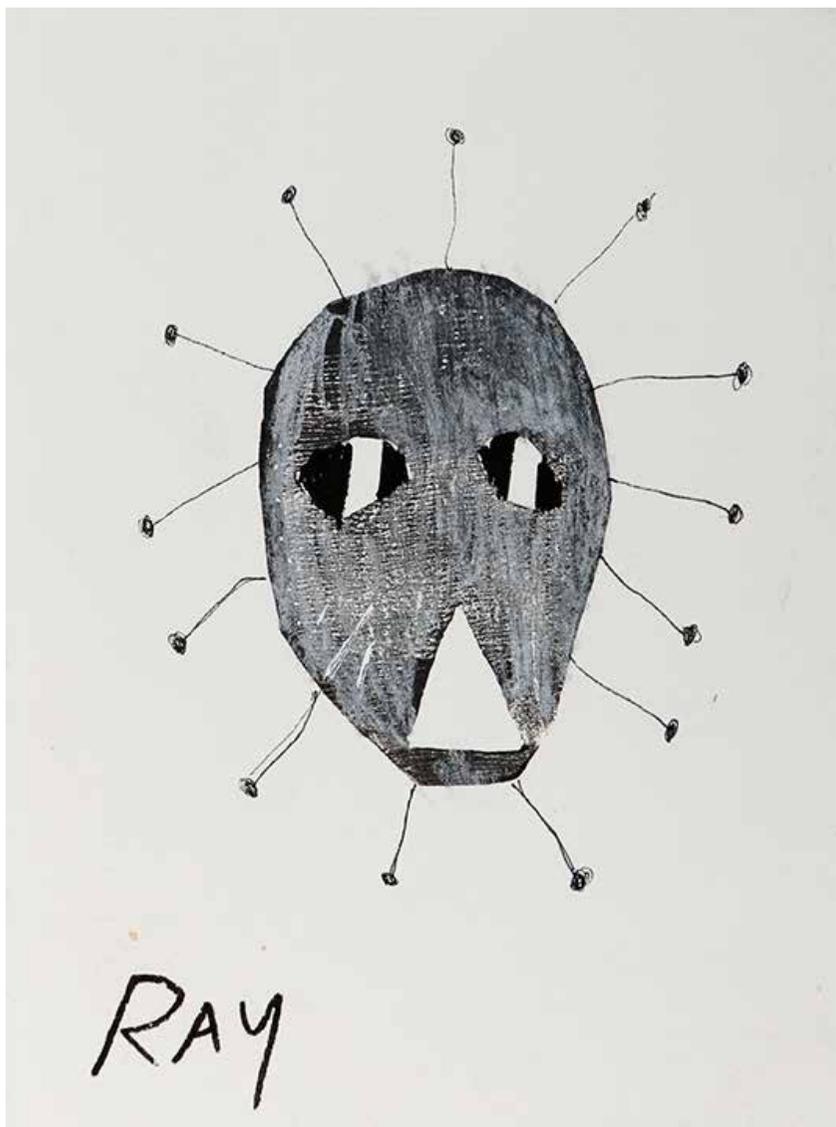
Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-8/15

\$550 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-9/15

\$550 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-10/15

\$550 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-11/15

\$550 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-12/15

\$550 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-13/15

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2021
hand coloured linocut
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1557-21-14/15

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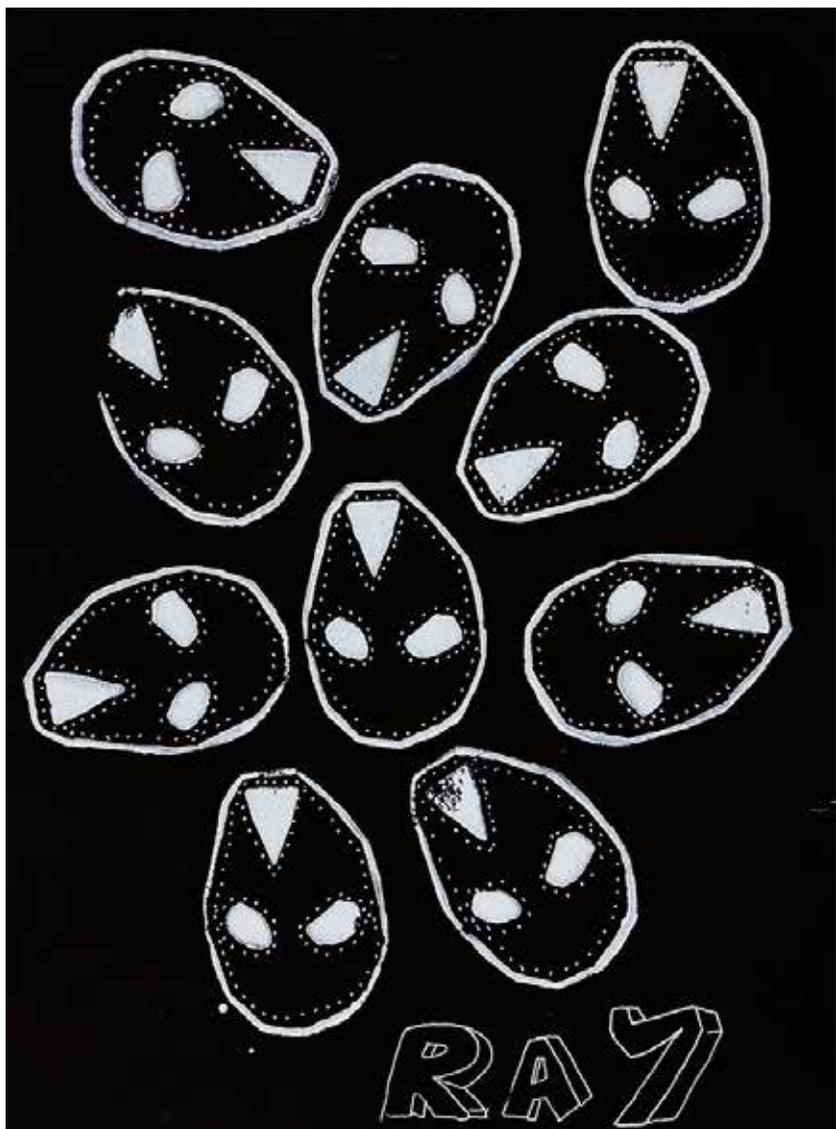
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Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
19x15 cm
1557-21-15/15

\$550 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Birdu Man (Mosquito Man)
2022
hand coloured linocut
19x15cm
235-22

\$425 (framed)



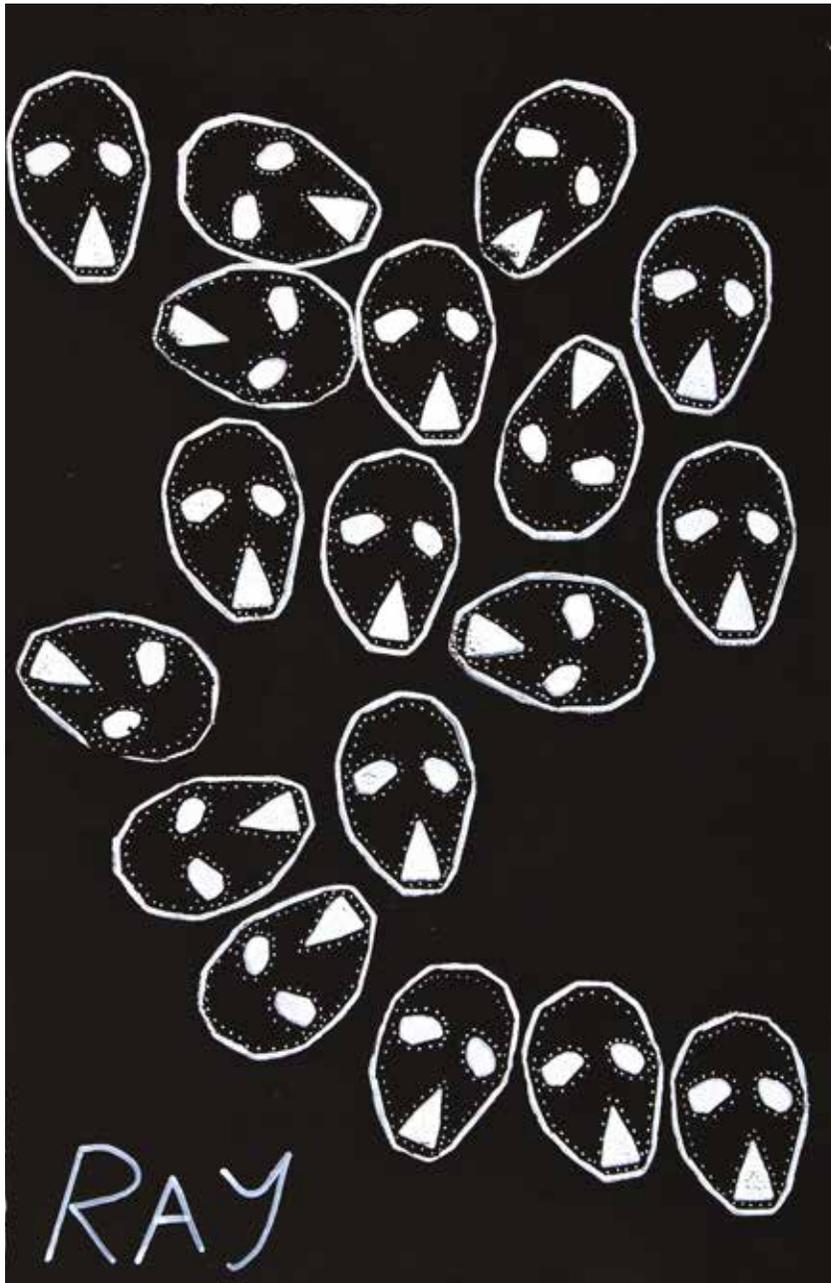
Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
38x28 cm
1560-21-1/2

\$875 (framed)



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
38x28 cm
1560-21-2/2

SOLD



Ray Mudjandi
Virus Man
2021
hand coloured linocut
57x38cm
1558-21

\$1100



RAY MUDJANDI

Ray Mudjandi, from Mirarr and Western Arrernte clans is an aspiring young artist living in Djibiorrk in the heart of Kakadu National Park.

Mudjandi was born in Darwin and grew up between Djibiorrk and Katherine.

As a young child he experienced and overcame several serious health conditions, experiences that have influenced his creative practice.

The young Mudjandi was very imaginative and spent much of his time drawing. Like most young people he enjoyed video games, Marvel comics, and watching cartoons and superhero movies, but also loved watching family members and senior artists painting. When he was in Katherine, he spent a lot of time with western Arnhem Land artist John Lemibanda.

“He’d watch painting for a bit, go play outside for a bit and come back and watch painting’ his mother, Rosie Mudjandi said. ‘Once when he was little, he painted all over his bedroom wall.’

At a very young age Mudjandi expressed not only a love of creating but also a growing skill set.

When Mudjandi was 14 he began working with a Children’s Ground facilitated community art space called Bininj Kunwaral. It was here that Mudjandi was mentored by Western Arnhem and Kakadu National Park senior cultural artists Graham Rostron and Abel Naborlhborlh.

During this time Mudjandi began working with artist Damien Kamholtz who encouraged him to combine the cultural skills he was learning with his love of comics, video games and superhero movies.

The body of work that grew out of this collaboration went on to form Mudjandi’s first exhibition at the young age of sixteen at Outstation Gallery in Darwin. The exhibition entitled ‘Bininj Ikon’ depicted a team of Bininj superheros. The collection of works in its entirety was acquired by the Museum and

Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and part of it was exhibited in 2020 in their collection exhibition ‘Fresh: connecting new and old art’.

Further developing his skill set in 2019 Mudjandi was asked to participate in OCTOPUS, the NT’s first story camp for top end artist and writers facilitated by award winning author and director Johanna Bell and Erica Wagner from Australian publishing house Allen & Unwin.

Mudjandi now 20, continues to collaborate with Kamholtz and create artworks at Marrawuddi Art & Culture in Jabiru. He is constantly creating new superhero characters with intricate narratives, often in response to his surroundings, and issues that may affect him and his community, as is the case with his upcoming exhibition ‘Nabang Kundjak’. Nabang Kundjak translated means deadly virus and consists of a series of works depicting characters such as Medicine man and Vaccine Man as they battle Virus Man and his team of baddies.



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