



JULIA MAGE'AU GRAY

MEKEO PEOPLE

BORN 1973, PORT MORESBY, CENTRAL PROVINCE,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LIVES AND WORKS IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Julia Mage'au Gray is a dancer, choreographer, tattooist, photographer and filmmaker who is interested in exploring her Papuan and Mekeo heritage within an urban Australian and New Zealand context. Her performances frequently combine dance with evocative video narratives. Now based in Auckland, Gray co-founded the performance group Sunameke in 1997. Dress or adornment, including the marking of the body with tatu (tattoo), is often of particular significance in her performances and films

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Selected Work

2017

Dance

Shifting the Maiden - Pacific Dance New Zealand 'Artist in Residence', - New Zealand

Found Words, Wahine Toa Night, *Pacific Dance Festival at Mangere Arts Centre*, - Auckland, New Zealand.

Film

Pasifika Film Festival, Tep Tok Documentary Screening at Manukau Events Cinemas, 19th Feb - Auckland, New Zealand

FIFO - Festival International Du Film Documentaire Oceanien, Papeete, Tahiti

Marks

'Traditional Tattoo and World Culture Festival' - Mallorca, Spain

2016

Dance

'Wearing My Map' for the Measina Festival at Pataka Art Museum - Porirua, Wellington New Zealand.

Twist and Loop, No1 Neighbour - Art in PNG 1966-2016, QAGOMA – QLD, Australia

Yam Harvest for APT8, QAGOMA – QLD, Australia

Wearing My Map, Wahine Toa - Pacific Dance Festival Mangere Arts Centre, - Auckland, New Zealand

Film

School Program, No1 Neighbour - Art in PNG 1966-2016, QAGOMA - QLD, Australia

Tep Tok Documentary, No1 Neighbour - Art in PNG 1966-2016, QAGOMA - QLD, Australia

Marks

Melanesian Marks Live Tattooing at Pataka Art Museum - Porirua, Wellington NZ

2015

Dance

Reveal, APT8, QAGOMA - QLD, Australia

Yumi Danis APT8, QAGOMA - QLD, Australia

A'inaisa APT8, QAGOMA - QLD, Australia

Rako & Vou Dance workshops - Suva, Fiji

Pacific Games Opening & Closing Ceremony, Pacific Games Opening Ceremony - Papua New Guinea

Film

Tep Tok Documentary, Australian High Commission and National Museum & Art Gallery - Papua New Guinea

Marks

Melanesian Marks Live Tattooing - QAGOMA

Revival of Motu Marks with Terita Gamoga Toea, Pacific Games Opening Ceremony - Papua New Guinea

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