



## About the Artist

# Luke Mallie

Luke Mallie is of both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent with ties to the Kuku Yalanji Nation in the Daintree/Mossman area north of Cairns, North Queensland, and from Kubin Village on Moa Island in the Torres Strait Islands.

He has completed a Bachelor's Degree of Fine Art (majoring in painting) at the Queensland College of Art in Brisbane before moving to Mackay where he worked as a graphic designer, web developer, and TAFE lecturer. He also studied a Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Studies at Central Queensland University to build upon his digital art skills.

Luke's artistic styles are very contemporary and diverse, ranging from original paintings, graphic designs, illustrations and caricatures, working in a broad range of mediums.

Luke's main inspirations for his artworks are from his rich traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, his family and his tropical surroundings, influencing the beautiful colours that he uses. His art is also influenced by popular culture and ancient cultures throughout the world.

Luke's drive to create stems from knowing his artwork can inspire and empower others to discover something amazing in their own lives and perform to their own full potential.

He is a national award-winning artist with the NAIDOC Poster Award in 2009 and the Art Lovers Australia Award in 2018.

