

## CAAMA Music

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## Aboriginal Christmas Carol Released by CAAMA Music

CAAMA Music, the indigenous record label based in Alice Springs, has released a version of the popular Christmas Carol, 'Silent Night', sung by Stewart Gaykamangu in the Aboriginal Yolngu language of East Arnhem Land.

Originally from the Top End, Stewart Gaykamangu now lives in Central Australia, and his career is on the rise with his song 'Lorrpu' winning NT Pop Song of the Year and his debut album due for release in 2014 from CAAMA Music. This year was a busy one for Stewart, with performances at the Mbantua Festival, the National Indigenous Remote Media Festival in Ntaria and the Indigenous Economic Development Forum in Alice Springs, where his piano playing and stirring vocals impressed delegates from all over the country.

Swapping the tropical Top End for the red deserts of Central Australia after a church trip where he met his wife, Samara Burton, Stewart still sings in the church choir of Amata and was pleased to be able to record his favourite Christmas Carol in Yolngu. *"It makes me proud to sing this Christmas song in the language of my homeland. I hope people hear it around the world and think of my people".*



Stewart Gaykamangu's version of 'Silent Night' features in a [YouTube video](#) released for Christmas by the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) showcasing their highlights of 2013 across the different divisions of its large media group. CAAMA CEO Michael Robertson reflects on the past year *"CAAMA has been a very busy organisation in 2013 as it re-positions itself within the marketplace to become a more relevant organisation collectively. Our achievements in 2013 have set us up for a great 2014."*

Successes for 2013 include a record number of sixty-eight outside broadcasts for CAAMA Radio and cultural exchange trips for their indigenous broadcasters to the United States and New Zealand. The CAAMA Productions team have won film-making prizes this year, as well as completing a new series, 'Talking Language with Ernie Dingo', for broadcast on Imparja Television. An immense task by the technical department for 2013 was the conversion of all the broadcast and submissions sites they service across the NT and South Australia from analogue to digital. Meanwhile CAAMA Music has been gaining recognition for their 'Music Industry Ranger' training and event staging program which is set to continue across Central Australia for at least another two years.

**'Silent Night (Arnhem Style)' by Stewart Gaykamangu is available for sale on [iTunes](#)**

CAAMA MUSIC is an Alice Springs-based company, owned and operated by Indigenous Australians, that has been recording, supporting and promoting Aboriginal music for more than 30 years. It is part of the **Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association**, Australia's leading Aboriginal owned and controlled media organisation delivering culturally relevant content that helps preserve and maintain Indigenous culture.