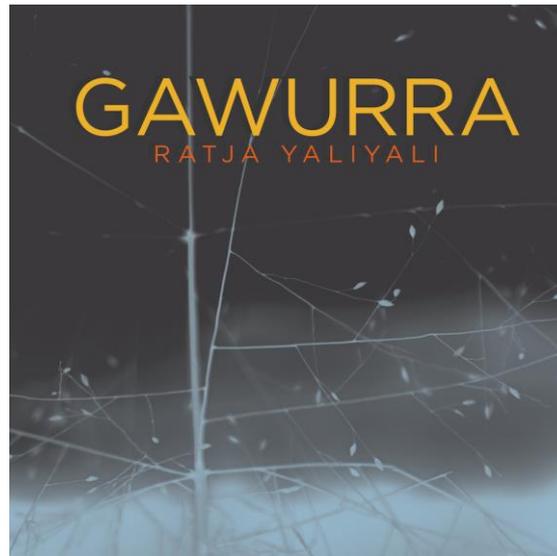


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**Debut single released and distributed by CAAMA Music on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
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Gawurra [pronounced **gow-rra**] is an extraordinary singer and engaging performer hailing from East Arnhem Land. A contemporary of Gurrumul, he has a deeply resonant voice and musical sensitivity. His debut single **Ratja Yaliyali** [to be released from a forthcoming album of the same name]; won the 2015 NT Song of the Year Award in the Pop category.

*Broadwing* an award winning young producer from the NT has given the song [and forthcoming album] an unexpected edge while soulfully blending *Gawurra's* traditional & contemporary sound. The instrumentation is built around a resonant vocal, atmospheric guitar, simple drums and a string section that slowly swells throughout the song.

A beautiful melody, and a well-known Yolngu Songline, **Ratja Yaliyali** [pronounced Rart-ja yarl-i yarl-i] translates to *Vine of Love*; a thread of love that keeps everything connected. When Yolngu people hear it they feel the spirit in their hearts. If they have a problem or feel gloomy, they listen to *Ratja Yaliyali* as it touches them and builds their spirit making them stronger and brighter.

#### [SNAPSHOT BACKGROUNDER]

Gawurra was born on the Gove Peninsula and spent time as a child on his Grandmother's land of Yathalamara, before moving to Milingimbi Island. He has recently moved to live in Melbourne with his family, in order to concentrate on his musical career. His culture, songlines, stories and history are deeply embedded in his resonant voice and soulful blend of traditional and contemporary songs.

Gawurra is a gentle and genuine young leader. He is an Elder in his community; the Old people gave him this knowledge and power. It is important for him to teach his kids, brothers and sisters the 'right way'. Gawurra is passionate about keeping his *Gupapungu* language strong.

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