

ART NUNAVIK



Peter Boy Ittukalla : Sculptor, Puvirnituk

Peter Boy Ittukalla was born on January 14th, 1954 in a winter camp situated near the village of Puvirnituk. He now lives in Puvirnituk with his wife Winnie and their two children. He was born into a talented family that included Joe Talirunili and Davidialuk Alashua Amittu. Not surprisingly, Peter and his older brother Juanasi eventually became interested in carving.

Peter Ittukalla carves in an ultra-realistic style. His sculptures of polar bears are minutely detailed down to the tracks they leave in the snow and the clothes his hunters wear are draped with the folds that occur with movement. Peter is very active in other areas of interest and carves for short periods when moved to do so. In recent years, these periods have produced imposing pieces that have kept him in the public's view.

Peter's work has been featured in numerous exhibitions, among them the *Masters of the Arctic*: an exhibition of contemporary Inuit masterworks presented by the Amway Corporation at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, New York in 1989. Peter is represented in many important collections, including a collection in the *Canadian Museum of Civilization*.

