



Short St. Gallery

Nyapanyapa Yunupinu (Wendy)

Born 1945
Language Group Yolgnu
Region Arnhemland

Medium and Theme

Printmaking
Figurine carving
Bark painting

Biography

Nyapanyapa is quite remarkable. She is perhaps the artist of the region most remote from the market she creates for. In this sense her art is really quite pure for it is without any consideration or desire to understand what happens beyond point of sale to her art centre. Through a building interest in her work these things may change.

She is a widow, a wife of the late Djapu clan leaser Djiriny Mununggurr who died in 1977. Her early life was spent with her father Munggurawuy Yunupingu a renowned artist and father of two Australians of the year (her brothers Galarrwuy and Mandawuy). She is a ceremonial woman and a battler without material possession. She is a classificatory sister to star artist Gulumbu and traveled once to Adelaide for the 2005 Festival with her kin for a critically acclaimed crying performance in honour of her deceased sister and senior artist Gaymala.

She is small in stature and has been quite deaf for a long time. She was badly gored by a buffalo in the 1970s at Mutpi near Garrthalala which required her medical evacuation to Darwin which was more rare in those days. Although childless she has helped to raise many children and is almost always in the company of one of her sisters, usually Barrupu but sometimes Djakangu. She embodies uncomplaining humble persistence in her gentle subsistence lifestyle.

Nyapanyapa's prints, especially her wacky and boldly coloured screen prints have been a hit for ten years. Lots of her editions have been in many exhibitions around the world. She started to paint on bark in 2007. Shortly after this she was exhibited in the Telstra Award and accepted to hold her first solo exhibition at Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery in September 2008.

She won the Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3Dimensional Prize in Telstra NATSIAA in 2008.



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Solo Exhibitions

2008 Once Upon a Time... bark paintings and carvings, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney NSW

Groupe Exhibitions

2017 NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
2017 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
2009 Yirrkala Works, Chapman Galleries Canberra, ACT
2009 After Berndt, Etchings from Drawings, Indigenart, Perth, WA
2008 The Other Thing, a survey show, Charles Darwin University Collection
2008 Etched in the Sun, Prints by Indigenous Artists in collaboration with Basil Hall & Printers 1997-2007, Australian National University, Canberra
2008 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
2008 Nyapanyapa, Brk Carvings and Prints, Nomad Art Productions, Darwin, NT
2008 Galuku Gallery, Botanical Gardens, Darwin Festival, Darwin NT
2008 After Berndt, Etchings from the Drawings, Gapan Gallery, Gulkula, Garma Festival, NT
2007 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
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2001 Yirrkala, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2001 Yirrkala Screen prints, NT University, Darwin, NT
1999/2000 Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Printmakers Touring Exhibition, The original Dreamtime Gallery Alice Springs, Hogarth Gallery Sydney, Boomali Gallery Sydney, Ben Grady Gallery Canberra, Fireworks Gallery Brisbane, QLD



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- 1999 Buku-Larrngay Printmakers and Dhalwanu Clan Bark Paintings, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London, UK
- 1999 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Printmakers exhibition with carvings by Djambawa Marawili
- 1998 Printmakers Exhibition, Japinka Gallery, Perth, WA
- 1998 Buku-Larrngay Mulka Printmakers Exhibition, NT University Gallery, Darwin, NT

Collections

Art Gallery of NSW
Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Darwin
Roslyn and Tony Oxley, Sydney, NSW

Bibliography

- 2008 Etched in the Sun Prints made by Indigenous Artists in collaboration with Basil Hall & Printers 1997-2007, ANU, Canberra
Nhama: Short Films from Yirrlala North East Arnhem Land

Awards

- 2017 Winner - Telstra Bark Painting Award, NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT Wandjuk Marika 3D Memorial Award 25th Jubilee NATSIAA 2008 MAGNT Darwin