



Short St. Gallery

Nora Nungabar

Born c.1960's - 2016
Language Group Kukatja
Region Fitzroy / West Kimberley

Nora Nungabar was born near Lipuru, also known as Well 37 on the Canning Stock Route, and remembers her mother looking after her in a hollow in the side of a sandhill. She grew up in the country that became Wells 33-38 on the Canning Stock Route.

As a young woman she travelled north with the drovers to Balgo where she settled and raised a family. She eventually relocated to her homelands at Kunawarritji but continues to travel regularly between Kunawarritji, Balgo and Mulan today. She paints for both Warlayirti and Martumilli Artists, and many younger artists describe having learnt to paint by watching her example. She is a custodian of a great deal of cultural knowledge about the Kunawarritji area, some of which is referred to in her paintings.

Medium

Weaving - grass and wool baskets
Professional acrylic on canvas and linen

Themes

Pikarrdi
Irrindi
Kinyu

Solo Exhibitions

2007 Nora Nangapa, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA

Group Exhibitions

2016 Scratching the Surface, Alliance Francaise de Sydney, Sydney
2016 33: Wompi Bugai Nungabar, Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle WA
2016 Summer Salson and Art Parade
2015 Palya, Martumili Artists, Tjarlirli Art adn Warakurna Artists, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Brightspace



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- 2015 Leading Ladies, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, New Farm, QLD
2015 Tarnanthi, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
2014 Martu Art from tge Western Desert, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
2014 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2014 Right Now, Boomalli Gallery, Leichardt, Vic
2013 Salon de Refuses, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2013 Martumili Art Show, Newman Visitor's Centre, Newman
2013 Ngayunlu-laju parturnparakula kujungka: Old people painting together, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2013 Painting it Martu Way, Art Mob, Hobart
2013 Selected works by the Martumili Artists, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs
2013 The Great Sandy Desert, Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree
2013 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT.
2013 Nora & Friends, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, New Farm Qld
2013 ReGeneration, Whistlewood Gallery (McCulloch &, McCulloch), Shoreham
2013 Marrka Wangka- Warlayirti Artist, Yaama Ganu Gallery & Café Gali, Moree
2013 We Don't Need a Map, Fremantle Art Gallery, WA.
2013 Regeneration: Established and Emerging Indigenous Artists, McCulloch Gallery, Vic
2013-14 We don't need a map: a Martu experince of the Western Desert, Fremantle Art Centre & national tour
2012 Wompi and Friends, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Qld.
2011 Kunawarnitj Tjukurrpa: Wirrimanu ga Nyinin, Short Street Gallery Broome
2011 Nora Wompi and Nora Nganapa, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, New Farm Qld
2011 Green, Outstation, Darwin
2011 Yiwarra Kuju - One Road, One People, Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Perth
2011 Yiwarra Kuju - One Road, One People, Australian Museum, Sydney
2011 Living Water, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
2010 Warla Tjartrjal - Edge of the Lake, Short St. Gallery, Broome
2010 Yiwarra Kuju - One Road, One People, National Museum of Australia, Canberra
2010 Jakulpa laju kartyinpa (Bringing a Message), Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2010 Shalom Gamarada Ngiyani Yana (We walk together as friends), Waterhole Art Sydney



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- 2009 Warranpalampaju Kayili Yaninpa (Our Country Travelling North), RAFT Artspace, Darwin
- 2009 Wangka-Lampaju (Our Story), Randell Lane Art Gallery, Perth
- 2009 Nintijunu (Teaching), Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Yankuni Laju Karnkani Kukungka (We Are Travelling Together By Air), ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2008 Jitirangu (Rainbow), Randell Lane Gallery, Perth
- 2008 Ngurra Waltja Wakarni (We Are Painting Country), Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2008 Laltu Tujuparaku, Yulpalpa Yirnaparaku (Lots of Women, Little Bit Men), Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2007 Nora Nangapa/ Eubena Nampitjin, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2007 Women with Sticks, Suzanne O'Connell, Brisbane
- 2007 Warlayirti Survey, They might Be Giants, Alcaston Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2006 Recent Works, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT
- 2006 Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 Survey, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Vic

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria (Felton Bequest)
National Museum of Australia
Artbank

Awards

- 2013 Finalist, Glencore Art Centre Award
- 2013 Best Work by an Indigenous Artist, Hedland Art Award
- 2010 Finalist, Hedland Art Award, Courthouse Gallery, Port Headland

Bibliography

- 2006 Survey, Short St Gallery, Broome.