



Short St. Gallery

Terry Murray (Murungkurr)



Birth Year 1976
Language Group Walmajarri
Region West Kimberley

Biography

Walmajarri man Murungkurr Terry Murray lived on Cherrabun Station in a tin shelter. His family had no vehicle so they went hunting on foot. Murungkurr has a strong grounding in bush skills which he learnt from his parents. He paints his jaja [grandfather] and japi's [grandmother's] country, called Wimpa and Japingka. It is the southwestern side of the Great Sandy Desert. This is jila [permanent waterhole] country. His mother and brothers lived around there when they were kids. Murungkurr has strong family connections to a significant group of Mangkaja artists and knows his law and family relationships through his skin group. He explains, "Our culture is an everyday learning thing. I grew up with this. You have to have a strong mind and strong spirit and soul and always listen to your elders".

Exhibitions

2016 Gimme Shelter - A Survey Show from the Artists of Fitzroy Valley, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2012 Mangkaja Arts 21 Year Anniversary Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
2009 Margaret River Meets Fitzroy Crossing, Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River WA
2005 True Colours, Suzanne O'Connell Australian Indigenous Art in conjunction with Dell Gallery, Griffith University, Brisbane
2004 Painted the doorway with Jukuna Mona Chuguna for Porta oberta al Dreamtime, Art Aborigen Contemporani d'Australia / Caxia de Girona, Spain
2004 Body of Art, Raft Artspace, Darwin
2002 Exhibition Catalogue- Adelaide Biennale of Australian Art. SA
2001 Ngurrara Canvas, National Gallery of Australia
2001 Mangkaja Arts Ten Years On, Tandanya, Adelaide



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1999 Ngurrara Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA

Publications

2004 Perth International Arts Festival

2003 Exhibition Catalogue : Cullity Gallery UWA Perth- Martuwarra and Jila (River & Desert)

2003 Painted Desert The Fate of an Aboriginal Masterpiece, New Yorker Magazine.

Dance Performances

2004 Opening Ceremony, perth International Arts Festival

2003 25th Anniversery Celebration of the Kimberley Land Council

1998 Parliament House Canberra and ANU