

Short St. Gallery

Milly Kemarre Morton

Born Language Region 1949 Alyawarre Ampilatwatja



Milly grew up on her mother's Country, Aherrenge. She was born in the bush, with no walls around her and has very strong ties to country and is amongst the best hunters in the community. Milly's father worked fencing the boundaries of Amaroo station, this is where the family was se led and as was common they took the surname Morton being the station owner.

Milly's work pays homage to the significance and use of traditional bush medicine, allowing an insight into her community. Yet underneath the iridescent surface, there is an underlying sense that there is more to her landscape than meets the eye.

Milly's pain ng style demonstrates a deep connection to her country, her bushes and wild flowers blend softly into the earth and the artist often employs a subdued and natural palette. Artists from Ampilatwatja often omit the sky from their compositions, allowing the viewer's eye to scan the landscape without a focal point, presenting two viewpoints of the country, combining an aerial and frontal view in the one composition.

The Artists of Ampilatwatja community was established in 1999 near Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. The work produced by the artists is recognisably distinct from other Aboriginal artistic communities, due to the application of fine dots and the often bright and child-like figurative depiction of the land.

Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Mwerr-angker Alpert (Pretty Flower) Brisbane 2017 Australian Embassy Berlin
- 2016 Aboriginal Art Gallery Rotterdam
- 2016 Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 2016 Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne VIC
- 2015 Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane QLD



- 2015 Artitja Fine Art Gallery Fremantle WA
- 2015 ArtKelch. Freiburgh, Germany
- 2014 Tactile Arts Gallery Darwin NT
- 2014 Frangrant Lands Tandanya Touring show Tandanya South Australia & Shanghai, China
- 2014 Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane QLD
- 2014 Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 2013 Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA. 2012
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