



Short St. Gallery

Lily Long (Jatarr)



Birth Year	c.1940
Language Group	Wamman
Region	Karlamilyi

Biography

Lily was born at Karlamilyi (Rudall River) and her Martu name, Jatarr, is a seed which can be used to make a tasty seed damper. Lily's father was a Wamman man who travelled a long way east into Pitjanjatjarra country, stole Lily's mother and took her back to Karlamilyi. Lily grew up around Tiwa with her family. In 1947 her father-in-law went into Jigalong and returned with stories about rations. In response, Lily and her immediate family travelled through Karlamilyi, Talawana and Balfour Downs until they reached the Jigalong mission. At Jigalong, Lily lived in a bough shed and went to school. She later worked as a cook on a number of stations and also mined with a yandy (wooden dish) for tin and other minerals. Lily now lives at Nullagine with her sister, children and grandchildren. Lily paints as a way of teaching children so that they know their history. She paints to speak up for her country and protecting the important places from mining and other disruptions.

Solo Exhibitions

2011 Wamman Country, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne

Exhibitions

2016 Scratching the surface, Alliance Francaise de Sydney, Sydney, NSW

2016 Desert Mob

2015 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT

2015 Pukurlpa - Good Inside, Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree, NSW

2014 Martumili, Harvey Arts Projects, USA



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2014 Right Now, Boomali Gallery, Leichardt, Vic
2013 Martumili Arts Show, Newman Visitors Centre, Newman
2013 A Study of the Figurative in Desert Painting, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2013 The Great Sandy Desert, Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree
2012 We Don't Need A Map: a Martu experience of the Western Desert
2012 Warla: an explanation of the salt lakes in the Great Sandy Desert, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2012 Decrochage de l'exposition des Martumili Artists, Galerie Kungka, France
2012 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs
2012 Martumili Artists 2012, Merenda Gallery, Perth
2011 - Living Water- Contemporary Art of the Far Western Desert, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
2011 - Yiwarra Kuju- One Road, One People, Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Perth
2011 - Yiwarra Kuju- One Road, One People, Australian Museum, Sydney
2010 - Yiwarra Kuju-One Road, One People, National Museum of Australia, Canberra
2010 - Jakulpa laju karyinpa (Bringing a message), Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2010 - Warla Tjartrjal - Edge of the Lake, Short St. Gallery, Broome
2009 - Wangka-Lampaju (Our Story), Randell Lane Art Gallery, Perth
2009 - Puntu Kurnu (Belongs to the People), Newman Visitors Centre, Newman
2009 - Warranpalampa (Our Country), William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
2009 - Warranpalampaju Kayili Yaninpa (Our Country Travelling North), RAFT Artspace, Darwin
2009 - Yankuni Laju Kamkani Kukungka (We Are Travelling Together By Air), ReDot Gallery, Singapore
2008 - Jitirangu (Rainbow), Randell Lane Gallery, Perth
2007 - Martu-la Wakarnu Kuwarri Wiyaju, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria
National Museum of Australia

Awards

2013 Finalist, Glencore Art Centre Award