



Short St. Gallery



Jimmy Donegan

Born	c.1940
Language Group	Pitjantjatjara
Region	APY Lands

Biography

Jimmy was born at Yanpan, a rock-hole near Ngatuntjarra Bore around 1940. He grew up as a bush baby in country around Blackstone and Mantamaru (Jamieson) in Western Australia. Jimmy has family links throughout the Pitjanjatjara lands; his wife is from a place near Kalka. Jimmy brought his wife and children to live at Blackstone because of Jimmy's tie to country here. He is widowed and has four children. He has now returned to Kalka Community to live with his children and close to his sister Molly Nampitjin Miller, who is founding director of Ninuku Arts.

Jimmy is a wonderful skilled wood craftsman - his spears, spear throwers and boomerangs are prized and much sort after. He is rich in story and a strong man for law and culture, involved in traditional law and ceremony.

In August 2010, Jimmy Donegan won the most prestigious art prize in Australia - the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (known as the Telstra Award). He was the winner of two sections - the General Painting category and the overall prize.

A quote from The Australian Art Review November 2006, "His works are dazzling compositions of swirling, intensely-coloured dots, sometimes crossed by lines signifying the journey of the two snakes above and below the surface of the earth."

Exhibitions

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| 20018 | APY Gallery, Sydney NSW-NGANAMPA ARA KUNPU KANYINTJAKU: YANGUPALA TJUTAKU TJUKURPA To bestrong is to keep culture safe: A young fella story |
| 2018 | Aboriginal Signature Gallery, Brussels Belgium-Hold our connection to country strong for malatja-malatja (future generations) |
| 2018 | Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT -Desert Mob |



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- 2018 Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs NT-Bold & Beautiful
2018 Better World Arts, Adelaide SA-SALA
2018 South Australian Living Artists Festival
2018 Pandanus Gallery, Cairns, QLD-PUKARA - A WATERHOLE
2017 NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
2017 Jimmy Donegan + Company, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2017 Rétrospective sur Ninuku Arts
2017 Jimmy Donegan and Ninuku Artists
2016 Ninuku Tjuta
2016 Desert Mob, Araluen
2016 Kala ngura ngayuku - Colours of my home/country
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2015 Ninuku Tjuta
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2015 Araluen
2014 Raft Alice Springs, APY 7
2014 Desert Mob, ALice Springs
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2013 Ninuku Mens Exhibition, Red Dot Gallery. Singapore
2012 Nganampa Ngura, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
2012 INMA: Our Ceremony, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2012 Four Artists, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2012 Manta Irititjangu: Ngura Kutjupalakutu, Ancient Land: New Territory, Gallery nine5 and Harvey Art Projects, Soho, New York
2011 The Shared Language of Paint, Exhibition of works from the Ildiko Kovacs Residency, RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
2011 The Western APY Lands, Art Kelch Touring Exhibition, Germany
2011 Ngura Wirukanyanku - This is a Beautiful Place, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2011 Wati Ngintaka Tjukurpa - Yangi Yangi Fox and Ninuku Arts, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2011 Five Strong Men, Outstation Gallery, Darwin 2011 Kulina Inma: Listen to Song, Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River
2011 Recent Works by Ninuku Arts, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, NSW
2011 Desert Mob exhibition, Araluen, Alice Springs
2011 Ngura Kalatjara - Land and Colour, AP Bond, Adelaide
2010 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award, MAGNT, Darwin
2010 Warka Kuwari Walkatjunanyi: New Paintings by the Artists of Ninuku, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2010 Kulunypa Tjuta Paintamilani: Lots of Small Paintings, Short Street Gallery (as part of CIAF) Boland Centre, Cairns
2010 The Watiku Show, RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
2010 Desert Mob, Araluen, Alice Springs



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- 2009 Tjungu: All Together, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, NSW
2009 Ninuku Artists Ngintaka Tjukurpa: Perentie Lizard Dreaming, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2009 Ngura Tjuta: Big Country, Ninuku Arts show, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2009 Kulilla Nganampa Tjukurpa. Listen to our Stories. Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2009 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs
2008 Big Country, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
2008 Desert Mob, Alice Springs
2008 Tjukurpa Kutjupa Kutjupa: Other Stories from Ninuku Arts and Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2007 Western Desert Mob Launch, Perth, WA
2007 Shared exhibition with Mornington Island at Marshall Art, Adelaide
2007 Big Country, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
2007 Desert Master Class, South Australian Museum
2007 Papulankutja Artists Group Exhibition, Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
2007 Senior Men Group Show, Men Happily Painting Together, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2006 Tjilpi show with Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2006 Brother Sister Show, Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth, WA
2005 Senior Artists of Blackstone and Patjarr, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, NSW
2005 Big Red Country Exhibition, Kalgoorlie Goldfields Art Centre
2005 Desert Mob
2005 Lirru Puru Kuniya Tjukurpa, Randell Lane Fine Art at Tristan Gallery, Perth

Bibliography

- 2009 'Fresh Look at Aboriginal Stories' Charly Smith, The Canberra Times, September 2009
2009 'Ninuku Artists: Perentie Lizard Dreaming', Dr Ross Moore, Australian Aboriginal Art, Issue 2, June 2009.
2010 'One Painting, a lifetime of dreams and stories', Nicolas Rothwell, The Weekend Australian, August 2010
2010 'Colourful Desert Dreaming captures Art Award', Daniel Bouchier, NT News, August 2010
2010 'Artist wants story shared', Daniel Bouchier, NT News, August 2010
2010 'South Australian desert Artist Jimmy Donegan wins the Telstra Art Award', Larine Stratham, The Advertiser, Adelaide, August 2010
2010 "Amazing Strength" in 27th NATSIAA Winners, Jeremy Eccles, Aboriginal Art News, August 2010



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- 2010 'And the winner is, Jimmy Donegan', Brooke Bannister and Vicky Kerrigan, ABC Alice Springs, August 2010
- 2010 'Desert Man wins Indigenous Art Award', Larine Stratham, The Age, August 2010
- 2010 'Desert Man wins Indigenous Art Award', Larine Stratham, Perth Now 2010
- 2010 'First time entrant wins Indigenous Art Award' ABC News, August 2010
- 2010 Stateline report on Indigenous Art Market, ABC Darwin, Friday 13, 2010
- 2010 'Mr Jimmy Donegan wins the 2010 Telstra Art Award', Bob Gosford, The Northern Myth, August 2010
- 2010 'Revelatory Show of Strength in Tradition, Nicolas Rothwell, The Australian, August 2010
- 2010 'The dazzling deserts of Mr. D', Maurice O'Riordan, Australian Art Collector, Oct-Dec 2010
- 2011 Original Art Documentary, Channel 10, 5 March
- 2011 Selection for Jukurpa Diary 2012, artwork NKJD10341, IAD Press, Alice Springs
- 2012 Canberra Times, Black, White and Beautiful by Sasha Grishin, February 27 2012
- 2012 Nganampa Ngura Catalogue, Essay by Claire Eltringham
- 2012 Manta Irititjangku: Ngura Kutjupalakutu, Catalogue Essay by Nici Cumpston (AGSA), May 2012
- 2012 Aboriginal Art & Culture: An American Eye Blog, Aboriginal Art in America, Again (Summer 2012) Junec24
- 2012 Aboriginal Art & Culture: An American Eye Blog, Ancestral Modern in Seattle and Ninuku in New York, May 27
- 2012 Artists Talking, A reportage of: Art, Design, Gallery and NYC Events by David Barish, New Palettes of Ancient Land, June 1 2012
- 2012 Australian Consulate General (USA), Feature, June 2012
- 2012 NAISA, Australian Aboriginal Contemporary Art Show in New York City by Willie Brown, Saturday 19 May 2012
- 2012 PRI's The World (News Program), Vibrant Aboriginal Art Exhibit Gives Power To Indigenous Australians by Marlon Bishop, July 4 2012
- 2012 Sun Valley Property News, Art Scene, Harvey Art Projects Goes Coast to Coast, May 2012
- 2012 Kluge-Ruhe, Aboriginal Art Collection of University of Virginia, News Piece, May 2012
- 2012 APY Art Bites into the Big Apple, Feature by Tim Lloyd, The Advertiser, Saturday June 30 2012
- 2012 Angloinfo, Art and Exhibitions in Singapore, Singapore Event: 'Nganampa Ngura' (Our Place), 26 April 2012
- 2012 artinasia.com, Nganampa Ngura (Our Place)- Senior men and women's paintings about their home country, ReDot Gallery 14 April 2012



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2012 artinasia.com, Ninuku Artists by Alcaston Gallery, 2012

Collections

LAVERTY COLLECTION
MERENDA COLLECTION
NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA
PETER KLEIN COLLECTION, GERMANY
SWIFT LAGERBERG COLLECTION
THE CORRIGAN COLLECTION
THE MARSHALL COLLECTION
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
THOMAS VROOM COLLECTION, THE NETHERLANDS
W & V MCGEOCH COLLECTION
ARTBANK COLLECTION
QUEENSLAND ART GALLERY

Awards

2017 Finalist, NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
2011 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award - Overall Prize,
August, MAGNT, Darwin
2010 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award - General Painting
Prize, August, MAGNT, Darwin