



Short St. Gallery

Manyitjanu Lennon



Born	c. 1940
Language Group	Pitjantjatjara
Region	APY Lands

Biography

Manyitjanu Lennon is from Watinuma Community on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara/ Yankunytjatjara Lands, 350km SE of ULURU. Originally she was from the north of Watarru around Aralya and Kuntjanu. Like many people of her era Manyitjanu was born in the desert when her family were walking around, living a traditional nomadic life. After ceremony time, and as an early school age girl, her aunties took her from Watarru back to Ernabella. She later returned to Pipalyatjara with Winifred Hilliard many years later when they were helping people out west, taking them clothes and food. She also learnt numerous arts and crafts such as making moccasins and cushions out of kangaroo skins, spinning and dyeing wool, batik tie dyeing and wool carving (punu) at the Ernabella Arts Centre. Currently she is involved in basket weaving and painting on canvas. She married and moved to Fregon when it was established in 1961. She was involved in the Fregon Choir, helped set up the Fregon Craft room, as well as the Fregon School with Nancy Sheppard. She has five children and four grandchildren. Maryjane has recently returned to the arts centre to paint the stories from her country including the Seven Sisters and Mamungari'nya, she also paints landscapes from around Aralya and Kuntjanu. Her style is quite unique, characterised by bold and energetic use of colour.

Art Prizes

2017 Wynne Prize finalist



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Group Exhibitions

2018 Minymaku Walka - (The Mark of Women)

2018 Short Street Gallery Broome, Western Australia. Kaltjiti Arts Group exhibition

2017 RedPoles MacLaren Vale SA

2017 Desert Mob

2017 Araluen Galleries Alice Springs NT 2017 June: Kaltjiti Artists: Continuing Our Story. Paul Johnstone Gallery Darwin. NT

2017 Paul Johnstone Gallery Darwin Kaltjiti Artists: continuing our story

2017 Tangentyere Artists Gallery

2017 Ngura Kutjupa, Walytja Kutju – Different Communities, One family

2016 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, NSW. Nganamp Killipi - Our Stars 2016 Desert Mob Show Araluen Galleries Alice Springs NT

2016 Salon de Refuse Charles Darwin Univeristy Gallery Darwin NT

2016 Aboriginal & Pacific Art Sydney NSW

2016 Communities, One family June RAFT Art Space Alice Springs NT 'A Song and a Prayer for our Friend.'

2016 Signal Point Gallery & Kiri Kiri Art 'Malpa Wiru' Naidoc exhibition.

2016 Paul Johnstone Gallery KILILPI-TILI PULKA IRNYAN- Bright Shining Stars by the Artists of Kaltjiti

2015 St Ignatius Art Show 2015 Adelaide SA



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2015 Wintjiri Gallery Yulara NT

2013 Kunmanara ; Kaltjiti Arts Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin NT

2013 Kaltjiti Artists 2013 Marshall Arts Gallery Adelaide SA

2011 Shalom Gamarada Ngiyani Yana, Sydney

2011 Malparara, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne

2008 Darlings of the Desert Putipula Gallery Noosa Queensland

2000 Palupurunypa Palu Kutjupa: Same But Different, South Australian Touring Exhibitions Program, various venues in South Australia

1998 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre for the Arts, Alice Springs Collections

COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of Ballarat

Artbank Australia

Margaret Levi and Robert Kaplan, Seattle, USA

Kerry Stokes Collection