

Donald Moko



Birth Year c.1938
Language Group Yulparitja
Region Bidyadanga

Biography

Donald Moko is a senior law man from the Mindi Mindi clan of the Yulparija. He was born at Kalajadu near Wangkatjungka, west of Well 33 on the Canning Stock Route in the Great Sandy Desert. He grew up travelling all around his traditional country with his parents. He went through law and trained as a traditional Maparn (medicine man). This took him travelling all around. He came to Bidyadanga in the late 1960's with his wife Mary Meribida and their children.

Exhibitions

2014 Saltwater Soul Desert Heart, Short St Gallery Broome, WA

2012 Deserts and Rivers, Aboriginal Art from Western Australia's North, Form Gallery, Perth

2012 Crossing Cultures: The Owen and Wagner Collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Art at the Hood Museum of Art

2012 Luminescences: The Colour of Bidyadanga, Harvey Art Projects, Idaho, USA

2011 Australian Aboriginal Art: Painting from the Deserts, ININTI in collaboration with IDAIA, Madrid, Spain

2011 'Shalom Gamarada Ngiyani Yana Art Fair 2011', Sydney, NSW

2011 'Summer Haze', JGM Galleries, London, UK

2011 'Pearls, Paint & Ilma', Aratong Galleries, Australian High Commission, Singapore

2011 'Bidyadanga Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT



Short St. Gallery

2010 Yiwarra Kuju, Canning Stock Route exhibition, National Museum of Australia, Canberra ACT

2010 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building. - Short St Gallery & William Mora Galleries present the Yulparija artists

2009 Short on Size, Short St Gallery, Broome WA

2009 26th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, MAGNT, Darwin

2008 From Desert to Saltwater, Booker-Lowe Gallery, Houston Texas, USA

2008 Bidyadanga Artists 2008, AP Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA

2007 Winpa, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT

2007 Desert Heart, Nevill Keating Gallery, London, England

2007 From the Bungalow I: Yulparija Artists, Johnston Gallery, Perth, WA

2006 Northern Journey, The Priory at Bingie, Bingie, NSW

2005 The return of our land, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT

2005 Weaver Jack, Donald Moko, Spider Kalbybidi: Recent Works from Bidyadnaga, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

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2004 Desert Ocean, Short st. Gallery @ Kidogo Gallery, Fremantle, WA

2004 Divas of the Desert, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT

2004 Bidyadanga Artists, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

2004 Bidyadanga Art, Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2004 2004 Australian Visual Culture Now, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, NSW

2004 National Telstra Art Awards, Northern Territory Art Gallery, Darwin

2004 Kirriwirri, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT

2004 Saltwater to Desert Images, Short st. Gallery @ Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2004 Colour Power, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC

2003 Manyiljara, Short st. Gallery, Broome, WA

Collections

National Gallery of Australia

National Gallery of Victoria

Laverty Collection

University of Notre Dame

RACV Collection

Myer Collection

Dadon Collection

Sam Barry Collection

Art Gallery of Western Australia

Artbank

Canning Stock Route Project Collection

The Hood Museum, Dartmouth, USA

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