



Short St. Gallery

Mary Muljay Punchi Clement



Birth Year c.1948-2016
Language Group Kwini
Region Kalumburu, WA

Biography

My bush name is Muljay. "My father found me" at Ngarrandhu on the turtle, that's my totem. He was a policeman tracker who used to bring parents and their kids back to the mission. He found my mother out there (in the bush) and carried her to the mission on horse back with him. They were both married already but they fell in love. I used to work in the convent looking after the sick kids but now I'm a Grandmother and I look after a lot of kids on the community." Mary painted ceremony and events, dancing and hunting as well as botanical themes, not limited to plants on land, but also fresh water and salt water aquatic plants known as food sources for sea creatures, an important part of Kalumburu culture. As a community Elder she held a wealth of knowledge regarding her cultural traditions which is deeply missed. Mary Punchi Clement passed away in 2016.

Exhibitions

2021 Berrdalngtha Woolang – Strong Stories, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco WA
2020 Connected to our Land, Cross Art Projects, Kings Cross, Sydney NSW
2019 Desert River Sea: Portraits of the Kimberley, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth WA
2019 Water Talk, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco Perth WA
2015 Waringari Arts, Mary Punchi Clement, Judy Mengil and Mary Teresa Tailor, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin NT
2014 Melbourne Art Fair, Mossenson Galleries, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne VIC
2013 "Waringari Artists: Raison d'être" Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles France
2013 "Kira Kiro - Art of Kalumburu" Mossenson Gallery, Collingwood VIC
2013 "Our Living Land" An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, Salvo Hotel,



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Shanghai, China

2013 "Our Living Land" An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, OFOTO ANART Gallery, Shanghai, China

2012 "Songlines - A Coo-ee Christmas" Coo-ee Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW

2012 "Revealed" An Exhibition of Emerging Indigenous Artists from WA, Central TAFE Gallery, Perth

2010 "The Rebirth of Kalumburu Painting" Mossensons Gallery Melbourne VIC

2010 "The Kalumburu Project" Seva Frangos Art Perth WA

2010 "27th NATSIAA" Museum and Gallery of Northern Territory NT

Collections

Art Gallery of WA

National Museum of Australia

National Gallery of Australia

Zhongfu Group Collection

Bibliography

2013 "Our Living Land" Exhibition Catalogue

Commissions

2013 Radford College, Bruce, ACT