



Short St. Gallery



Lorraine Davies

Born 1951
Language Ngaanyatjarra
Region Western Desert

"My name is Lorraine Davies and I was born in Warburton Ranges in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in 1951. I lived with my parents, brothers and sisters. They have all passed and it's only me now. Last one. I grew up in Warburton but as a little girl was taken and placed in Kurrawang Mission just outside of Kalgoorlie. A bus used to come, pick us up and take all the children from the mission to Kalgoorlie Primary School where we learned to read and write. I went onto high school and after that, my mother took me to Laverton where she got very sick and had to go to hospital. Not long after that a truck came, so I jumped on and made my way back to Kalgoorlie. From there I moved to Cundalee Mission with many of the Spinifex people. After the mission days, we went to Coonana, a place no one lives anymore, and finally ended up settling in Tjuntjuntjara in the early 1990's. In the late 1990's I spent many good years working at the first school in community helping teach the students to read, write and learn culture."

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 MINYMA, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2022 Aluni - Resonance - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide. SA. Tarnanthi - Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art
- 2010 Australian Contemporary Indigenous Art Now, Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe USA in association with Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne VIC (Womens Collaborative)
- 2000 Pila Nguru - Art and Song of the Spinifex People Western Australian Museum, Perth, W.A and national tour



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Collections

THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, VIC. (AS PART OF THE WOMENS COLLABORATIVE)

ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (WOMENS COLLABORATIVE)

Collections

2012 Hackett, J. Forrest, S. Malcolm, C. Cane, S. Carty, J. Lane, C. Cruthers, J. Chadwick, R. Allerton, L. 'Spinifex: People of the Sun and Shadow' (exh. cat) John Curtin Gallery, Perth, W.A.

2009 Art Gallery of Western Australia 2009, Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth WA

2002 Cane, S. 'Pila Nguru: The Spinifex People', Fremantle Arts Centre Press, Fremantle, WA