



Short St. Gallery



Samson Bonson

Born 1968
Language Gurrgoni, Kuninjku
Region

Biography

Samson Bonson (b.1968), a Gurrgoni sculptor, was taught in the late 1990's by Crusoe Kurddal a notable maker of mimih spirit carvings. Bonson is known for the refined carvings and the minute nature of his pointillist decoration on the main body of his mimih carvings.

This quality sees his work in high demand. Bonson's work has been selected for the 25th, 26th and 29th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards. Significant exhibitions of his work include Dream Tracks, Aboriginal Art of Arnhem Land (2006) at the La Fontaine Centre of Contemporary Art in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Rarrk (2006) at the Bargehouse Gallery in London. In 2007 a work was acquired by the British Museum.

Internationally, the artist has also been represented by Art Kelch, Freiburg (Germany), and Harvey Arts Project, Ketchum (USA). His work has also been exhibited by Annandale Galleries (Sydney), Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi (Melbourne), Paul Johnstone Gallery (Darwin) and Vivien Anderson Gallery (Melbourne). Most recently, the artist's work is shown at Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney.

Solo Exhibitions

2018 Mimih Spirit Sculptures - Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

Group Exhibitions

2023 Telstra NATSIAA - Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory



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2023	Maningrida Arts - Michael Reid Southern Highlands, Berrima NSW
2023	Delek & Kunyirke (White Clay & Charcoal) - Agency Projects, Collingwood, VIC
2023	Spiritual Beings - Art Atrium, Sydney, NSW
2022	Telstra NATSIAA - Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
2021	The Summer Collector's Show 2022 - Everywhen Artspace
2020	Tarnanthi Art Fair - Lot Fourteen, Adelaide SA
2020	Maningrida Arts & Culture - Michael Reid Galleries
2020	RESILIENCE: The power of the past today - Maningrida - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Fine Art, Brussels, BELGUIM
2020	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2020 - Online
2020	Art Paris 2020 - ARTKELCH @ Art Paris, Paris, France
2019	Sculpture Bolkimme / Sculpture Today - Harvey Art Projects
2019	Top End Ochre - Art from nature - EVERYWHEN Artspace
2018	ST-ART 2018 - ARTKELCH @ ST-ART 2018, Strasbourg, France
2018	Mardayin - Aboriginal Art von Maningrida Arts - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2017	Stories are Forever, curated by Vivien Anderson Gallery - Merricks Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
2016	Maningrida Arts & Culture - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2012	29th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibition - Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2011	Shalom Gamarana Ngiyani Yana - Waterhole Art, Sydney, Australia
2011	The Dreaming Changes Shape - Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Australia
2010	Collection Highlights - Seva Frangos Art, Subiaco, Australia
2010	Best of Maningrida - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, Australia
2009	Survey from Maningrida Arts & Culture - The Mossenson Gallery, Perth, WA
2009	Works in Season: Bark Paintings, Carvings & Weavings - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2009	Orche - A Study in Materiality - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2009	26th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards Exhibition - Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2009	Sculptures - Josh Lilley Fine Art, National Geographic Store, London, UK
2009	Ancestral Spirit Beings and Ceremonial Lorrkon - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2008	Weaving around the traps - Chapman & Bailey, Melbourne, VIC
2008	Palya Art at Mary Place - Mary Place, Sydney, NSW
2008	Gungura - The Spiralling Wind - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2008	25th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards Exhibition - Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
2007	Maningrida Group Show - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2007	Lorrkon, Spirit Beings - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2007	Rarrk - Bargehouse Gallery, London, UK 2007 Spirit in Variation Part II - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, NSW



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2007	Spirit in Variation - Annandale Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2006	Dream Tracks, Aboriginal art of Arnhem Land - La Fontaine Centre of Contemporary Art, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
2006	Sculptures from Maningrida - William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2006	Maningrida - Short Stree Gallery, Broome, WA
2006	Dream Stories - The Bahrain Art Society, Kingdom of Bahrain
2005	Bark paintings and carvings from Maningrida - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2005	Recent works from Maningrida - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2005	Spirit Beings and Lorrkon - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2005	Sticks & Stones - Bandigan Aboriginal Art & Craft, Sydney, NSW
2004	Fibre and Sculptures, Indigenart, Fremantle, WA
2004	Maningrida Fibre - Bandigan Art, Sydney, NSW
2003	Mythological beings from Maningrida - Hogarth Galleris, Sydney, NSW

Collections

Lavery Private Collection, Sydney, Australia
British Museum, UK

Bibliography

2018	Maningrida Arts, ARTKELCH - Robyn Kelch, Exhibition Catalogue, Freiburg, Germany
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