



Short St. Gallery



Bob Gibson

Born 1974
Language Group Ngaanyatjarra - Pintupi
Region NG Lands - Ngaanyatjarra

Bob Gibson Tjungarrayi was born at Papaya in 1974, before moving with his family to Tjukurla during the Papunya Tula movement of the 1980s, where many Ngaanyatjarra people moved to be closer to their ancestral homelands. Bob's mother Mary Gibson, also a leading Tjarliri artist, is from the country of Kulkurta, his father's country was near Patjarr.

Bob has been painting with Tjarliri Art since 2007 and quickly found a unique rhythm and approach to painting; bold colours and an inimitable freedom, expressing ancient stories with contemporary flair. Bob is a vibrant character who is well loved within his community and offers support to many family members. He is a keen Sydney Swans supporter and loves listening to all music, especially the local bush bands.

Looking at a Bob Gibson painting feels a little like spending time with the artist himself. Bob's bold, playful presence in the studio is contagious; each canvas brings wild shapes and expressive line met with decisive mark-making and confident realisation of country. His highly unique representations of tjukurpa are an intersection of traditional storytelling and a spirited contemporary artistic practice. This work is important as it speaks to the complex layers and tensions between cultural, historical and modern influences.

Solo Exhibitions

2009 Solo Show Indigent Gallery, Perth



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Group Exhibitions

2020	Tjukurla Masters - Yaama Ganu
2020	Salon Des Refuses 2020
2020	Rawa Titungarala - Artsource WA
2019	Adazzle Exhibition - JGM Gallery London
2019	Desert Mob 2019
2019	36th Telstra NATSIAA Awards 2019 - Finalist
2018	Port Hedland Art Award - Finalist
2018	Desert Mob 2018
2018	Albany Art Prize, Finalist, Albany
2017	Ngurra: Home in the Nganyatjarra, South Australian Museum, Adelaide
2017	Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Gallery
2017	Salon De Refuse, Darwin
2017	Tjukurla Tjukurpa, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2017	Flight Exhibition, FORM Gallery, Perth
2017	Raft South Artspace
2016	Desert Mob 2016
2016	Salon Des Refuses
2016	Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2016	Touring Exhibition Germany, Art Kelch
2015	Palya, Vivien Anderson Gallery
2015	Tunbridge Gallery, Perth
2015	Desert Mob 2015, Araluen Gallery
2015	Port Headland Courthouse Gallery
2015	NATSIAA 2015, Museum & Gallery of Northern Territory
2015	Recent Works from Tjarliri and Warakurna, Harvey Arts Projects US
2014	Warakurna Artist and Tjarliri Art, Vivien Anderson Gallery
2014	Salon Des Refuses, Outstation Gallery
2014	Our Home in Colour, Outstation Gallery
2014	Living Spirit, Marshall Art
2013	The Wild Ones, RAAFT Artspace
2013	Desert Mob Exhibition 2013, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2013	Telstra NATSIAA 2013
2013	Seeing Beyond, Marshall Arts
2010	Tjarliri Group Show, Merenda Gallery Fremantle
2010	Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs
2009	Desert Mob, Araluen Gallery Alice Springs
2009	Western Desert Mob Emerging Artist, Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2009	Tjarliri Group Show, Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River



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Collections

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South Australia Museum

Awards

2020

Bayside Finalist 2020

2019

NATSIAA Finalist