



Short St. Gallery

Molly Miller



Born	c. 1948
Language Group	Pitjantjatjara/Ngaanyatjarra
Region	APY Lands

Biography

Molly (Nampitjin) Miller was born 'a bush baby', circa 1948. She grew up in the Warburton mission for her schooling and lived in a dormitory with all the other girls. Her family stayed in the camp at the mission. She married and her husband took her back to Amata where she stayed and had five children. Mrs Miller is a strong and founding figure for Ninuku and a respected elder within Kalka community. She comes from a strong artistic family, her brother and sister are Pantjiti Mary Mclean, Jimmy Donegan and Elaine Lane from Blackstone.

She was one of the first women to learn basket making at the NPY Women's Council workshop in 1995 and has been a prolific weaver ever since. She is credited with introducing raffia to stitch baskets in place of jute string or wool. Raffia is now the most commonly used binding material in baskets.

Molly's work demonstrates a high level of skill and expertise. Her baskets are large and evenly shaped and coiled. She has an eye for decoration often creating striped patterns with the coloured raffia and sometimes adding seeds and feathers. She has been making sculptures for a number of years and is famed for her large solid long legged ngintaka. Molly has exhibited her work in numerous exhibitions within Australia. Molly is also a strong leader in her small community and is active on many councils. Her two sisters are the famous painter Pantjiti Maclean and fibre artist and painter Elaine Lane.



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Group Exhibitions

- 2019 - A la selection des oeuvres dans le Great Sandy Desert Australien, Aboriginal Signature Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2019 - The Aralya Project, Tarnanthi, Adelaide College of the Arts, South Australia
- 2019 - Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2019 - Hold our connection to country strong for malatja-malatja (future generations), Aboriginal Signature Gallery, Brussel, Belgium
- 2018 - Desert. Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2017 - Jimmy Donegan and Company, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2017 - Jimmy Donegan and Ninuku Artists
- 2016 - Ninuku Tjuta
- 2016 - Desert Mob, Araluen
- 2016 - Kala ngura ngayuku Colours of my home/country
- 2015 - Ninuku Tjuta
- 2015 - Desert Mob, Araluen, Alice Springs
- 2015 - Araluen
- 2014 - Ninuku Womens Show, Tunbridge Gallery, Perth
- 2014 - Our Mob, Adelaide Festival Centre
- 2013 - Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2013 - Ninuku Group Show, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
- 2012 - INMA Our Ceremony, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2012 - APY Lands Emerging Exhibition, Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2012 - Kulina Inma: Listen to Song, Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River
- 2012 - One Song, Different Tune, Short Street Gallery, Broome
- 2012 - Manta Iritjangu: Ngura Kutjupalakutu, Ancient Land: New Territory, Gallery nine5 and Harvey Art Projects, Soho, New York
- 2012 - Nganampa Ngura, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2011 - The Western APY Lands, Art Kelch Touring Exhibition, Germany
- 2011 - Desert Mob 2011, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011 - Ngura Wirukanyanku - This is a beautiful place, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
- 2011 - Ngura Kalatjara - Land and Colour, AP Bond, Adelaide
- 2011 - The Shared Language of Paint, Exhibition of works from Ildiko Kovacs Residency, RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
- 2011 - Wati Ngintaka Tjukurpa - Yangi Yangi Fox and Ninuku Arts, Short Street Gallery, Broome
- 2010 - Kulunypa Tjuta Paintamilani: Lots of Small Paintings, Short Street Gallery (as part of CIAF), Boland Centre, Cairns
- 2010 - Warka Kuwari Walkatjunanyi: New Paintings by the Artists of Ninuku, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne



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- 2010 - Women and Colour, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2010 - Desert Mob 2010, Araluen, Alice Springs
- 2009 - Ninuku Artists Ngintaka Tjukurpa: Perentie Lizard Dreaming, Alcaston Gallery
- 2009 - Alwarawara: Side By Side; Artists from Ninuku Arts, Tjungu Palya and Tjala Arts; Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2008 - Ninuku Arts Inaugural Sydney Show, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney
- 2008 - Ninuku Tjukurpa - Bilby Dreaming, Ninuku Arts Group Show, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
- 2008 - Darlings of the Desert, Putipul Gallery, Noosa
- 2008 - Big Country, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
- 2008 - Divas of the Desert, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
- 2007 - Skin on Skin, Tuggeranong Arts Centre, Canberra
- 2007 - APY Lands show, Australia Dreaming Art Gallery, Melbourne
- 2007 - Community in Focus, Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
- 2004 - The Women's Show, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne

Collections

Art Bank Collection
Flinders University Art Museum
Peter Klein Collection, Germany
The Merenda Collection

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- 2012 - Australian Consulate General (USA), Feature, June 2012
- 2012 - NAISA, Australian Aboriginal Contemporary Art Show in New York City by Willie Brown, Saturday May 19 2012
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