



Short St. Gallery



Rhonda Sharpe

Birth Year 1977
Language Group Luritja
Region Mparntwe (Alice Springs)

Biography

Rhonda was born in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) in 1977. She lived sometimes at Kwale Kwale and sometimes at Trucking Yards Town Camp where she went to Yipirinya School. Rhonda discovered her interest and passion for making soft sculptures when she followed her aunty Dulcie Sharpe into the art room one day. From initially watching the other artists around her, Rhonda has over the years, developed her skills, style and subject matter to reflect her own personal journey. From delicate stitched creatures to figures that depict profoundly honest personal stories, Rhonda's works celebrates her love for her art, her family, country, and storytelling.

Group Exhibitions

2024 Town Camp, Bush Camp - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2023 Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Art - Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
2023 BLAZE: people made known. - The University of Western Australia
Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, Perth WA,
2023 Desert Mob - Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs NT
2023 Big Mob Thepa Thepa (Birds) - Salon Arts Projects, Darwin NT
2023 Salon des Refuses, Darwin NT
2023 Crossing Country - Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle WA
2023 Our Beautiful Home Mparntwe Alice Springs - Aboriginal and Pacific
Art, Sydney NSW



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- 2023 Portrait23 – National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2023 Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2022 Desert Mob – Araluen Cultural Project, Alice Springs, NT
- 2022 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art Award – Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
- 2022 We are from Mparntwe, our ideas are from here and so is our art – Hugo Michelle Gallery, Adelaide, SA
- 2022 Werte Canberra! – Beaver Galleries, Canberra, ACT
- 2022 4th National Indigenous Art Triennial: Ceremony – National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
- 2022 Town Camp Stories – Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2021 “Rhonda” The Film – Migration Museum as part of Tarnanthi 2021, Adelaide
- 2021 Nurna Yaarna Iltjerrama. Nurna Kutatha Mpaarama! (‘We can’t rest. We always/continue to make!) – Jam Factory as part of Tarnanthi 2021, Adelaide
- 2021 Desert Mob – Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2021 Waltja Tjutja: Family – Salon Arts Project, Darwin
- 2021 Looking back, Looking Forward: 21 Years of the Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2021 We belong to this country, we look after this country – Short Street Gallery, Broome
- 2020 NAIDOC Exhibition – Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2020 Our Art Makes Us Happy (we hope it makes you happy too!) – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2020 Trudy Said Mwerre! – Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2020 SUMMER SALON – Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle
- 2019 Tangentyere Christmas Show
- 2019 Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art – Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2019 Looking for Pmara (Home) – Merricks General Store Gallery
- 2019 Desert Mob Exhibition – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2019 From Country to Couture – Fashion Show Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
- 2019 Salon des Refuses Darwin
- 2019 Arrentye Mamu-Monsters Monsters – Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2019 We Are Always Making Something From What We Have Salon – Arts Projects, Darwin
- 2018 KNOWING COUNTRY The Power of Aboriginal Women in Art – Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle
- 2018 Tjina Mob – Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs



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- 2018 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2018 Edwina Corlette Sydney Contemporary Art Fair
- 2018 Central Australia Aboriginal Textiles Exhibition – Tangentyere Artists Gallery
- 2018 We use our Kapurta (heads) for looking after things – Hugo Michelle Gallery, Adelaide
- 2018 Sydney Biennale Exhibition – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2018 Yarrenyty Arltere Artists Group Exhibition – Edwina Corlette Gallery, Brisbane
- 2018 Women Telling Stories Arelhe Altyerre Ileme – Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2018 Sydney Biennale – Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 2017 Artbank Neon Light Sculpture Commission, Sydney
- 2017 Tjukurrpa Exhibition – Kiri Kiri Gallery, SA
- 2017 Mparntwe & Ntaria itweke-itwe Mob – Alice Springs and Hermannsburg Neighbours – Tangentyere Artist Gallery
- 2017 Wynscreen moving picture project Wynyard Station Sydney: in collaboration with Cultural Capital, NSW Transport and Leonardo Ortega
- 2017 National Gallery of Victoria Design Triennial: In collaboration with Estudio Campana Elbowrkshp and NGV
- 2017 Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art – Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2017 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2017 Arrweketye Mape Awethe Akine – Tangentyere Artists Gallery (Women Back Together Again)
- 2017 Together Our Stories Are Stronger – Merricks General Store, Victoria
- 2017 Creature Collection – Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide
- 2017 Where worlds come together – Nomad, Darwin
- 2016 Etchings – Rebecca Hossack, New York
- 2016 Deck the Walls – Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2016 Drawing from the Inside – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2016 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2016 Salon Des Refuses – Darwin
- 2016 Arrweketye Mob: Women Mob – Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2016 Avatar – RAFT Art Space, Alice Springs
- 2016 From our heads and our hands: stories told with colour – Red Dot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
- 2016 Outsider Art Fair – Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery, New York
- 2015 Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art –



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- Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2015 Selfies Exhibition – Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2015 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2015 Beautiful Days Making Art – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2015 We are in Wonder LAND – Gallery UNSW New experimental art from Central Australia
- 2015 Tjulpu – Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2014 Figuratively Speaking: Stories from Town Camp artists – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2014 We just keep on travelling further – Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 2014 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2014 This belongs to us, but we did it for you – Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 2013 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2013 With our healing hands – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2013 Our way, their way – RAFT Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2013 Good people, strong people made this art – Gallery Nomad, Darwin
- 2012 Small Works – Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2012 With our hands we tell our stories our way – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2012 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2012 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair – Darwin
- 2012 Arrenyty Arltere Open Night – Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre
- 2012 Melbourne Affordable Art Fair – Tapir Studio, Hobart
- 2012 Bush Animals – Gallery Nomad, Canberra
- 2012 Owl Exhibition – Tali Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Creatures Gallery – Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 2012 “Listen: Tangentyere and Merenda Gallery Perth Yarrenyty Arltere Stories.”
- 2012 Healing Larapinta – Mossenson Gallery, Perth
- 2011 Soft Sculptures – Tali Gallery, Sydney
- 2011 Desert Mob – Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011 Yarrenyty Arltere Open Night – Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre
- 2011 Soft Sculptures – Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2011 Outback Prints – Handmark Gallery, Hobart
- 2011 Yarrenyty Arltere Birds – Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 2011 Faces of Larapinta – Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011 Melbourne Affordable Art Fair – Tapir Studio, Hobart
- 2010 Imprints from our Centre – Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
- 2010 Art from the Heart of Town Camps – Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2010 Yarrenyty Arltere Open Night – Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre
- 2010 Desert Links – Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2009 Flinders University City Gallery – Adelaide



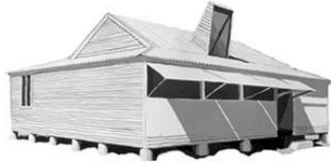
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Public Collections

2023	Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
2023	The University of Western Australia, Perth WA
2023	Art Gallery NSW, Sydney
2023	National Portrait Gallery, Canberra ACT
2022	National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
2021	Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs
2020	Janet Holmes a Court Collection
2016	Art Gallery of South Australia
2015	Art Gallery of New South Wales
2015	Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory
2013	Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs
2013	Maitland Regional Gallery
2013	Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory
2010	Flinders University City Gallery Art Museum Adelaide

Awards

2023	People's Choice Award Salon des Refuses NATSIAA, Darwin NT
2023	Winner of Wearable Art Category, National Indigenous Fashion Awards, Darwin, NT
2022	Finalist Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin NT
2021	Overall Winner – Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Sydney
2021	Finalist – National Indigenous Fashion Awards – Cultural Adornment and Wearable Art
2021	Finalist – National Indigenous Fashion Awards – Textile Design
2021	Finalist – National Indigenous Fashion Awards – Special Recognition for Yarrenyty Arlttere Artists
2021	Finalist – Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
2021	Finalist – Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize
2017	Finalist – Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
2015	Winner 3D Award – Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
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2013	Finalist – Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin
2012	Highly Commended Finalist – Telstra NATSIAA, MAGNT Darwin



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Film Work

2021	Rhonda
2018	The Meeting Place
2017	Petrol Been Wasting All Our Lives
2017	The Worlds We Stitch Together