



Short St. Gallery



PAULINE SUNFLY

BORN 1958
LANGUAGE GROUP Kukatja
REGION West Kimberley

Pauline is the daughter of the famous Balgo painters, Sunfly Tjampitjin and Bai Bai Napangarti, from whom she has inherited many Tjukurrpa (Dreamtime) stories. Pauline learnt to paint from years of watching her father. She is an extremely competent young painter who boldly recreates many significant stories with technical precision.

Pauline was born at the old Balgo Mission hospital and was educated through the mission school. She recalls working in the kitchen, the laundry and clearing the grounds of the mission. She has spent some time in Fitzroy Crossing and has visited Broome and Alice Springs, but otherwise has remained at Balgo with her young family. Pauline is a dedicated and talented painter who produces graphic and powerful paintings.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 Pauline Sunfly Nangala: recent works - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2019 Pauline Sunfly - Tamaranthi, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
2007 Pauline Sunfly, Vivienne Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
2000 Michael Mutji and Pauline Sunfly, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 Parlukuluya ninti tjunin – Balgo Mob sharing knowledge - Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree, NSW
2023 WILKINKARRA: a Warlayirti Project - Tamaranthi, Art Gallery of South Australia
2022 Singing My Parents Country - Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York City
2022 Desert Mob - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2022 Ngurra Kutjuwarra | Warlayirti 35th Birthday - Warlayirti Artists gallery, Wirrimanu (Balgo)



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- 2022 Mother and Daughter - Short Street Gallery, Broome
2021 Earth is Touch: Recent Paintings from Balgo Hills - Cavin Morris Gallery, New York City
2021 Balgo Beginnings - South Australia Museum
2021 Ngurra Kutjuwarra: On Country, together - Kidogo Arthouse, Fremantle
2021 The Womans Show 2021 - Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
2021 Zeitreise: 15 Jahre Aboriginal Art in Freiburg - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2020 Tarnanthi Art Fair (featured artist) - Lot Fourteen, Adelaide CBD
2020 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2020 Kuwarritjanuluya Wakaminpa: a new generation are doing it now - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2020 The Womens Show 2020 - Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
2020 Matriarchs - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2019 Wirrimanu Balgo Artists - Japingka Aboriginal Art, Fremantle
2019 Desert River Sea: Kimberley Art Then & Now - Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
2018 Desert Mob - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2018 Desert River Sea, AGWA, Perth WA
2017 TARNANTHI FESTIVAL - Art Gallery of SA, Adelaide
2014 Warlayirti: the Art of Balgo - RMIT, Melbourne, Araluen Art Centre
2013 Into the Future – Emerging Talent - COO-EE Gallery, Sydney NSW
2013 Marrka Wangka- Warlayirti Artist - Yaama Ganu Gallery & Café Gali, Moree
2010 'Ingalimpa Tjuntu' – Singing Songs, "We sing the country and that's how we find the way" - In conjunction with Redot Gallery, Singapore
2010 Balgo Survey, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
2010 Audi Forum Building, Tokyo
2009 Pauline Sunfly and Bai Bai Napangarti, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2009 Balgo Survey: Art from Balgo, OUtstation, Darwin
2008 Balgo 2008, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
2008 Wirrimanu: Aboriginal Art from Balgo, Outstation, Darwin
2008 Balgo Surbey, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
2007 Best of the Best, Framed Gallery, Darwin
2007 8 x 3, Scott Livesey Gallery, Melbourne
2007 Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2007 Survey, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
2007 Survey, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
2007 Survey, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
2007 Survey, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne
2006 Survey, Raft, Darwin
2006 Survey, Scott Livesey Gallery, Melbourne
2004 Balgo 404, Warlayirti Artists, Balgo
2002 Balgo, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth
2002 Big Colour My Country, Thornquest Gallery, Gold Coast
2001 L'art des Aborigines d'Australie, Am Gallery, Paris, France



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- 2001 L'art des Aborigines d'Australie, Musee des Beaux Arts de Vienne, Vienna, Austria
2001 Yvonnou Balgo Exhibition, AMG Gallery, Paris
2001 Past Modern: an exhibition of Kimberley Landscapes, Short St. Gallery @ Australia Square, Sydney, NSW
2000 All About Art Show, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
2000 Peintures des Aborigenes d'Australie, Palais des Congres et des Expositions, Paris, France
2000 Balgo Hills Aboriginal Paintings, Bett Gallery, Hobart, Tas
1998 Painting Country, Pearlers Row Gallery, Broome, WA
1997 Big Balgos: Recent Paintings by Warlayirti Artists, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
1997 New Paintings from Balgo Artists, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
1997 New Paintings by Balgo Women, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
1997 Dreamings, Arnhem, The Netherlands
1996 Songlines XV: Balgo Hills, Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London, UK

COLLECTIONS

Artbank
Art Gallery of Western Australia
Art Gallery of South Australia
Gallery of Modern Art (Brisbane), Indigenous Collection, Brisbane
Kelton Foundation
Williams Collection
Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht, the Netherlands

AWARDS

- 2024 Finalist, The Ravenswood Womens Prize, Sydney (NSW)
2013 Painting Illustrated for Tjukurpa Calendar
2007 Nominee, Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards
2008 Nominee for the Kate Challis Raka Award 2008, Ian Potter Gallery, Melbourne

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McCulloch, S. The World from a Feminine Perspective, The Australian, 25 March 2002
Healy, Jacqueline (ed), Warlayirti: The Art of Balgo, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne 2014