

Betty Chimney

Born1957Language GroupYankunytjatjaraRegionAPY Lands



Biography

Betty Chimney was born in Port Augusta and grew up in Coober Pedy before coming to live in Indulkana as a young girl.

Betty Chimney is a long-time artist and director of Iwantja Arts. A dedicated painter, Betty's work is inspired by her ancestral Yankunytjatjara country and a determination to maintain her strong connection to country and culture.

In addition to her own painting practice, Betty works on large-scale collaborative paintings with her daughter Raylene Walatinna. Through the process of working together with her daughter on collaborative paintings, Betty continues the tradition of older women passing on their important knowledge of Tjukurpa (Anangu cultural stories) and Ngura (Country) to younger women.

Solo Exhibitions

2021 Nganampa Ngura (Our Country) Joint 'Mother + Daughter' solo exhibition: Betty Chimney and Raylene Walatinna, Michael Reid Gallery, Sydney

Group Exhibitions

- 2021 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2021 Tjatu: Doing Things Together Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2020 Munga Ilkari & Ngayuku Ngura Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2019 Wilurara Ananyi: Goin` Out West Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2019 John Fries Award, UNSW Galleries, Sydney
- 2019 Ngunytju munu Untalpa Mother and Daughter, APY Gallery, Sydney
- 2019 Rising Stars, Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2018 Nganana Kuranyukutu Ma Palyani, APY Gallery, Sydney
- 2018 Kungka Kunpu (Strong Women), Koskela, Sydney
- 2018 Ngura Kunpu (Strong Country), Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2018 Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2018 Old Knowledge Young Blood, APY Gallery, Sydney
- 2018 Rising Stars, Outstation Gallery, Darwin



Short St. Gallery

- 2018 Salon des Refusés, Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin
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- 2017 Many Hands, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2016 APY Exhibition, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Queensland
- 2016 Ngura: Country, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2016 Tjungu Festival, Yulara, Uluru
- 2015 Artitja Fine Arts, Fremantle Western Australia
- 2015 TARNANTHI, Art Fair Tandanya, Adelaide
- 2015 SALT, McCulloch and McCulloch, Melbourne
- 2014 Darwin Art Fair, Darwin
- 2014 Indigenous Literacy Exhibition, McCulloch and McCulloch Sydney
- 2014 Tjungu Festival, Yulara, Uluru
- 2014 Right Now with Viscopy, Boomalli, Sydney
- 2014 Pukulpa Pots, Mr Kitly, Brunswick VIC
- 2014 Artitja Fine Arts, Perth WA
- 2014 Ngali Kitikiti ni, Pop Up Gallery, The Rocks, Sydney

Collections

Queensland Art Gallery – Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) Brisbane Artbank