



Short St. Gallery



Margaret Baragurra

Born 1939-2020
Language Yulpartija
Region Broome

Margaret was born in Kalpirti located in the Great Sandy Desert of W.A. Her people, the Yulparija, walked out of their traditional country in the early 1970s when their existence was threatened by a severe drought. Margaret travelled with her family to the coastal town of Bidyadanga (then LeGrange Mission) where she lived. Since Margaret started painting in 2003 her work has enjoyed critical acclaim and she has been widely exhibited. She combined the traditional imagery of the Great Sandy Desert with the vibrant colours of the saltwater landscape she now inhabits.

Solo Exhibitions

2010 Margaret Baragurra, Art House Gallery, Sydney. NSW

Exhibitions

2019 SOTA169, Polling, Germany
2019 From the Desert to the Sea: a Journey with the Yulparitja. Aboriginal Signature Gallery, Brussell, Belgium
2016 Parcours des Mondes, Estragin Fine Art, Paris, France
2014 Saltwater Soul Desert Heart, Short St Gallery Broome, WA
2012 Luminescences: The Colour of Bidyadanga, Harvey Art Projects, Idaho, USA



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- 2011 Aboriginal Art, ININTI in collaboration with IDAIA, International Development for Australian Indigenous Art, Madrid, Spain
- 2011 'Shalom Gamarada Ngiyani Yana Art Fair 2011', Sydney, NSW
- 2011 'Kirriwirri', Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2011 'Summer Haze', JGM Galleries, London, UK
- 2010 'Pearls, Paint & Ilma', Aratong Galleries, Australian High Commission, Singapore
- 2010 'Bidyadanga Artists' Harvey Arts Projects, SunValley, Idaho, USA
- 2010 Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building. - Short St Gallery & William Mora
Galleries present the Yulparija artists
- 2009 Short on Size , Short st Gallery, Broome ,WA
- 2009 Shalom Gamarada Aboringinal Art Exhibition, University of NSW, Sydney
- 2009 From Desert to Saltwater Country, Redot Gallery, Singapore
- 2008 Margaret Baragurra Selected Works, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne Vic
- 2008 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, MAGNT, Darwin
- 2008 Margaret Baragurra Kalpirti, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
- 2008 From the Desert to Saltwater, Booker-Lowe Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2008 Bidyadanga Artists, AP Bond Art, Adelaide SA
- 2007 Yulparija - New Works on Board, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2007 Chapman Galleries, Canberra, ACT
- 2007 Bidyadanga, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT
- 2007 Desert Heart, Nevill Keating Gallery, London, England
- 2007 From the Bungalow I: Yulparija Artists, Johnston Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2006 Northern Journey, The Priory at Bingie, Bingie, NSW
- 2005 New Works from Kirriwirri, Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2005 The Return of Our Land, Gallery Gondawna, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Big Country, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Searching for the Best, Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2005 Bidyadanga 2005, Short st. Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2004 Desert Ocean, Short st. Gallery @ Kidogo Gallery, Fremantle, WA
- 2004 Divas of the Desert, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 Bidyadanga Artists, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
- 2004 Bidyadanga Art, Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2004 Bidyadanga Artists, Raft Art Space, Darwin, NT
- 2004 National Telstra Art Awards, Northern Territory Art Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2004 Desert to Saltwater, Short st. Gallery@ Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2003 Manyiljara, Short st. Gallery, Broome, WA



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Collections

Maitland Regional Art Gallery
University of Newcastle
National Gallery of Australia
Notre Dame University
Lavery Collection
Kerry Stokes, Perth
Sam Barry Collection
QLD State Gallery
Parliament House Collection, Canberra
SOTA169, Germany

Publications

The Age Newspaper, Dreamtime Designers, Bruce Elder, March 15 2008
The New McCulloch's Encyclopedia of Australian Art, 2006