Short St. Gallery

Gordon Barney

Born 1945
Language Group Gija
Region East Kimberley

Biography

Gordon Barney was born and grew up on Alice Downs Station. His father taught him stockwork and he became known as a skilled horsebreaker and buckjumper (rodeo rider).

When Gordon worked as a stockman, he would often carry with him a saddle bag for his ochre collection. At the end of his mustering stint, he would have a bagful of ochres that he sourced from riding through his country. Whilst working on Mabel Downs Station, Gordon met Shirley Purdie who later became his wife. Shirley is a well-known senior Warmun artist who encouraged Gordon to paint his country.

He started painting in 1998 when Warmun Art Centre commenced operation, often painting various hill lines located in his traditional country. Barney's sense of concentration and focus on country are often reflected in these landscapes. Gordon is well known in Warmun Community as a strong law and culture man and was as an important ceremonial dancer.

Solo Exhibitions

2007 Bett Gallery, Hobart, TAS

Group Exhibitions

2021 The Summer Collectors Show - Everywhen Artspace, Flinders, VIC
2020 The Ochre Story - Japingka Aboriginal Art, Fremantle, WA

2020 Badem Mawoondool - red ochre, white ochre - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney
2019 "Connection to Country" Fundraiser exhibition, Form Gallery, Perth WA - Environmental Defenders Office of WA exhibition
2019 "Manparra" Big Boss Man - Male Masters Show, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2019 Warmun Artists / Whenua - Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
2019 Desert River Sea, AGWA, Perth WA

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2018	Warmun at Twenty Exhibition, Nancy Sever Gallery, Canberra
2018	Art for Wellbeing, Boab Health Services- Kununurra, WA
2018	Connections:Microscopy Exhibition, Power house Museum, Sydney, NSW
2018	GIJA Exhibition, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, QLD
2017	Environs Kimberley Group Show, Kidogo Art House Fremantle
2016	Family Connections, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2015	LIVELY: New Prints from Warmun Arts - Nomad Arts, Darwin NT
2014	Warmun: Gija Contemporary Art of Western Australia - Harvey Art Projects, USA
2014	Warmun Aboriginal Art - Art Images Gallery, Adelaide, SA
2013	Earth: Ochre Painting from Warmun - Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
2012	CCAE - Darwin, NT
2011	Where Knowledge Comes From, Gadfly Gallery - Perth Concert Hall, Perth, WA
2010	Warmun - Our Earth Our Story - Art Images Gallery, Norwood, SA
2010	Ochres of the Kimberley - Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River, WA
2010	Kimberley Aboriginal Artists, Cross Cultural Art Exchange - Darwin, NT
2009	Warmun Ochres: Rich Earth - Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA
2009	Ochre Dreaming: Stories from the East Kimberley - ReDot Gallery, Singapore
2009	Warnarran Gelengen : Old Times New Times - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2009	Sharing Difference on Common Ground: Mangkaja, Mowanjum, Waringarri, 2008 Warmun - Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth, WA
2008	Ten Years of Warmun Ochres - Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2008	New Voices in Gija Art - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
2008	Warmun at Ten, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin. NT
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2008	New Voices in Gija Art, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2008	Mungowum Ngarraknaari Yaarun (Strong Stories, Strong Culture), Short St Gallery Broome, WA
2007	Ochre, Brushes, Canvas: new work from Warmun, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2007	Warmun Snapshot, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT
2007	Greetings from Turkey Creek, Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2007	Warmun Artists in New York, Ralph Pucci Gallery, New York, USA
2007	From the Bungalow II: Kimberley and the Top End, Johnston Gallery, Perth, WA
2006	What bird is that?, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2006	Gentlemen from Warmun, Seva Frangos Art, Perth, WA
2006	Warmun Art Centre Presents, Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2005	New Work from Warmun, Gladfly Gallery, Perth, WA
2004	Warmun Group Exhibition, Sydney, NSW
2003	Ngarrgooroon, Yiyili & Yarangka, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2002	All that Gija Country, Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA

2002	Thornquest Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
2002	Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2002	Im Land ist das Sein. Kunst aus Australien (Land is life. Art from Australia), Jagdschloss Granitz, Binz, Rugen, Germany
2002	Beyond Wings, Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA
2002	Shirley Purdie and Gordon Barney, Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
2002	Easter Group Show, Bett Gallery, Hobart, TAS
2002	"Collectors Show", in conjunction with Seva Frangos, Span Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2002	All That Gija Country, Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA
2001	Past Modern, Australia Square, Sydney, NSW
2001	Ochre, Short st. Gallery, Broome, WA
2001	Chapel Off Chapel Gallery, South Melbourne, VIC
2001	Thornquest Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD
2001	Ochres Show, Short st. Gallery, Broome, WA
2001	Richies Mill Gallery, Launceston, TAS
2001	In Celebration - Peter Baillie Acquisitive Exhibition, Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA
2000	Kunst Der Aborigines, Galerie Baehr, Dormagen, Germany
2000	Kunst Der Aborigines, Galerie Baehr, Leverkusen, Germany
2000	Adelhausermuseum, Freiburg, Germany
2000	Galerie Australis, Adelaide, SA
2000	Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2000	Bett Gallery Hobart, TAS
2000	Commonwealth Institute, London, UK
2000	State of My Country, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2000	Michael Carr Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2000	Melbourne Art Fair (Artbank & Bett Gallery Hobart)
1999	Gallery Gabriella Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
1999	Chamber of Commerce, Wurzburg, Germany
1999	Karen Brown Gallery, Darwin, NT
1999	Hale School annual Art Exhibition, Perth, WA
1999	Japingka Gallery, Fremantle and Perth, WA
1999	Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
1999	Short St Gallery, Broome, WA

Collections

Kerry Stokes Collection
Artbank
Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki
Private Collections in Australia, Germany & USA

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Voituron Collection, Belgium

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