



Short St. Gallery

Agnes Armstrong

Born 1954
Language Miriwoong
Region Ivanhoe Station, WA



Biography

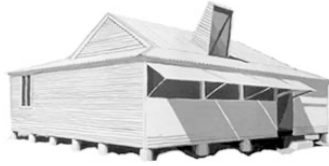
Agnes Armstrong's paintings embrace the stories of her childhood years in delightful often naïve interpretations. She shares her memories of growing up on stations, bushlife and the stories taught by her grandparents. Her images connect story, place, and childhood memory. "Born beside a billabong on Ivanhoe Station I grew up with old people. They taught me lots about hunting - all the bush foods. I used to work at Ivanhoe station doing housework and gardening. I came to Kununurra and started schooling during the '60s. Before that I had been at the Research Station School. During the '70s I was at the Beagle Bay Mission School. I came back to Kununurra then and got a job cooking for the pensioners in our Mirima Community. I would do the shopping, counting the money for the pensioners and paid their bills. We had a little shop then. I then moved to Dingo Springs where I watched the old people carving boab nuts and I started doing boabs. After that I came back here to Waringarri Arts to do painting. As well I am doing Ministry and bible studies. I have one daughter and three adopted son's, and I live in Mirima, stopping in my country for good."

Solo Exhibitions

2024 Ngayang Dawang Ngamoowalem - My Country Ivanhoe Ranges, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco WA

Group Exhibitions

- 2023 Open Borders, John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, Bentley, WA
- 2023 Connection, King & Wood Mallesons, Sydney, NSW
- 2022 Open Borders – a creative grid exhibition series, Dawang Gallery, Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, Kununurra, WA
- 2021 Collective Ground, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, WA
- 2021 Berrdalgna Wooralg – Strong Stories, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco, WA
- 2019 In Ochre, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA
- 2019 The Kimberley Art Award, Shire of Derby, Derby

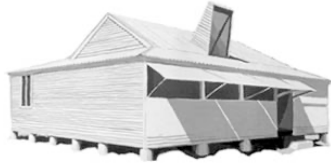


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- 2018 Desert River Sea, Portraits of the Kimberley, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, WA
- 2018 Water Talk, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco, Perth, WA
- 2017 Port Hedland Art Awards, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
- 2017 Flight – Aboriginal perspectives from the sky, FORM Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2016 Cossack Art Award, City of Karratha, Cossack, WA
- 2014 Gerloong, Kittey Malarvie, Judy Mengil and Agnes Armstrong, Mossensons Galleries, Perth, WA
- 2014 Wood and Water, Northern Editions, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT
- 2013 The 2013 Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW
- 2013 Our Living Land, An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, OFOTO ANART Gallery, Shanghai, China
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- 2012 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, Bunbury, WA
- 2012 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, The Cannery Arts Centre, Esperance, WA
- 2012 Songlines – A Coo-ee Christmas" Coo-ee Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW
- 2012 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton, WA
- 2011 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, Alocia Mandurah Art Gallery, Mandurah, WA
- 2010 Northern Impressions, Northern Editions and Artback NT Touring, Exhibition
- 2009 Danggang/Gardeng Red Ochre White Ochre, Mossensons Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 2009 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, Holmes A Court Gallery Perth, WA
- 2008 Kimberley Ink, Northern Editions, Darwin, NT
- 2008 Waringarri, Indigenart, Perth WA
- 2008 Waringarri Women, Suzanne O'Connell Gallery Brisbane, QLD
- 2008 Revealed – Emerging Artists from WA Art Centres, Central TAFE Art Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2008 Kimberley Ink and Ochre, Wollongong, University of NSW
- 2008 Dawang – Our Country Our Place Our Home, Mossensons Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007 24th NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin

Collections

City of Perth Collection, WA
Kluge Ruhe Aboriginalart Collection, NSW
Wollongong University Collection, NSW
Zhongfu Group Collection, China
City of Karratha, WA
Main Roads WA, Perth, WA
Artbank Sydney, NSW
Art Gallery of WA, Perth, WA
Royal Perth Hospital Collection



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Bibliography

2013 Our Living Land Exhibition Catalogue

2009 Sharing Difference on Common Ground, Touring Exhibition Catalogue

Awards

2019 Kimberley Art Prize – Indigenous Artist Category

2016 Cossack Art Award – Invited Artist Category

2012 Finalist in the Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle

2007 Highly Commended Painting Award, 24th NATSIAA Darwin Museum & Gallery, Darwin, NT