



# Short St. Gallery

## Carbiene McDonald

**Born** 4/12/1961  
**Language Group**  
**Region** Papunya : NT



## Biography

Carbiene McDonald was born in Papunya in 1961, son of Snowy McDonald. As a young man, Carbiene travelled back to his father's homelands and inherited his Tjukurrpa (Dreaming). This Tjukurrpa is associated with a series of waterholes running between Docker River and Kata Tjuta. Specifically, it includes four important sites: Petermann Ranges, Docker River, Kalaya Murrpu (Blood's Range) and Mulyayti near Kata Tjuta. Carbiene's work embodies the quality of innovation steeped within tradition, and his practice of filling the canvas with coloured squares of loose acrylic paint creates work of immense depth and sophistication. Having only taken up painting later in life, in 2018, his passion for painting coupled with his extreme dedication and enthusiasm has led him to quickly make a name for himself. Winner of the prestigious Hadley's Art Prize (2019), and a finalist in the Vincent Lingiari Art Award (2019), his work is held in the Art Gallery of NSW Collection, Charles Darwin University Collection and in significant private collections in Australia.

## Solo Exhibitions

2021 Carbiene McDonald : Outstation Gallery, Darwin  
2020 Petermann Ranges : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT  
2019 Carbiene McDonald : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT

## Group Exhibitions

2021 Salon Des Refusés – NATSIAA : Salon des Refusés, Online Exhibition  
2021 Kapi Walpa Wangkanyi : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT  
2020 Tarnanthi 2020 Art Fair - AGSA : Lot 14, North Terrace, Adelaide  
2020 Kwaritja Tititja (Now and Then) : Viewing Room, Papunya Tjupi Arts  
2020 Desert Mob 2020 Exhibition : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
2020 Ngurrangka palyanu – making from home : Outstation Gallery, Darwin  
2020 The Magic of Black & White : Art Kelch, Germany  
2019 Tjupi Puli : Onsite Gallery, Papunya Tjupi Arts, Papunya, Papunya NT



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2019. Salon Des Refusés – NATSIAA : Charles Darwin University Art Gallery  
2019 Kuwariŋa – now / newness : Outstation Gallery, Darwin.  
2019 Back To The Desert — Neue Werke Von Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKELCH –  
Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Germany  
2019 Nganampa arts, tjungurrinytjaku kutju - Our art, coming together as one –  
Papunya Mens Art and Cultural Revival Movement : Onsite Gallery, Papunya  
Tjupi Arts, Papunya, NT

## Collections

ART GALLERY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY  
THE HASSALL COLLECTION

## Awards

- 2019 Vincent Lingiari Art Award, Finalist  
2019 Hadley's Art Prize, Winner