



Short St. Gallery

Doreen Chapman

Birth Year 1971
Language Group Manyjilyjarra
Region Pilbara



Biography

Biography as told by Doreen's mother, Maywokka May Chapman:

"Been born Jigalong. Big sister for my son, Dennis Thomas. [S]he been come this way, Hedland. Doreen [and] me [are] from Kamtimarta, Warralong. I been bring him [her] here. Little girl [s]he start painting in Warralong. [S]he looking... looking... [s]he quick painter, quickly, looking, looking. No fishing, no hunting, no car, painting, painting every day eh? You been bring 'em, [s]he painting, painting, painting! (laughs)"

Doreen Chapman was born at Jigalong Mission in the early 1970's, though she soon moved with her family to newly Aboriginal owned Strelley Station. In Doreen's youth, she continued to travel between remote Pilbara communities including Warralong, Punmu and Marble Bar with her mother, senior Martumili Artist May Wokka Chapman. Today Doreen primarily lives in Warralong community, and paints between art centres Spinifex Hill Studios and Martumili Artists.

Doreen first learned to paint alongside her mother, beginning her artistic career with Martumili Artists in March 2009 when she and the other women of Punmu painted a large collaborative artwork to raise funds for the community. Doreen is now an established artist in her own right, known for her loose, uninhibited painting style. As a deaf woman, painting is an important means of communication and expression for Doreen.

Solo Exhibitions

2020 Lester Art Prize, Perth, WA
2020 Always on the move, Suzanne OConnell Gallery
2019 Doreen Chapman- A New Perspective, Turner Galleries, Perth, WA
2016 Doreen Chapman - Doreen Chapman, FORM Gallery, Perth, WA

Group Exhibitions

2020 Painting Place, Chapman&Bailey, Melbourne, VIC



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- 2020 Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT
2020 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2020 The Jury Art Prize, The Junction Co., Port Hedland, WA
2020 Different Sorta Colour, The Design Files, Melbourne, VIC
2019 Perth Royal Art Prize, Perth, WA
2019 Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT
2019 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2019 6722, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
2019 Paru [Spinifex], Artitja Fine Art Gallery, Perth, WA
2019 Mid-West Art Prize, Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton, WA
2019 Born Strong, Harvey Art Projects, USA
2019 Desert Mob 2019, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
2019 Punmukarti!, Yaama Gaanu, Moree NSW
2018 Pujiman, Martumili Artists and Spinifex Hill Artists, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery

2018 Hedland Art Award, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery, WA
2018 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2018 Ancient Stories, New Narratives, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, NSW
2018 Good Enough! The Art of Spinifex Hill Artists - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT

2017 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2017 Community Life, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2017 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2016 Desert Mob
2016 Mandjar Art Exhibition, Mandurah Performing Art Centre, WA
2016 Anything Colours - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2015 We Call It Home - FORM Gallery, Perth, WA
2015 Hedland Art Award - Courthouse Gallery Port Hedland, WA
2015 We Call It Home - Courthouse Gallery Port Hedland, WA
2015 Revealed 2015, Gallery Central, Perth, WA
2011 Living Water – Contemporary Art of the Far Western Desert, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

2010 Before and After Science, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide Biennial 2010
2010 Martumili Group Exhibition, AP Bond Gallery, Adelaide

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria
Artbank, Sydney



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Awards

2021	Cossack Art Awards
2021	Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist, 19-1265, Red Dog
2019	Perth Royal Art Prize - Highly Commended
2017	Hedland Art Awards - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist
2017	Cossack Art Award 2017 - Best Painting by a Pilbara Artist
2016	Cossack Art Prize 2016 - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist
	2016 Hedland Art Awards 2016 - Kathy Donnelly Judges Award
2015	Cossack Art Prize 2015 - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist