



Short St. Gallery

Lily Hargraves



Birth Year	c.1925
Language Group	Warlpiri
Region	Lajamanu

Biography

Nungarrayi loved to paint and loved her culture. She was driven to record and preserve cultural knowledge and traditions, knowing she was fighting against the power of time and the new impending culture. Nungarrayi loved colour and expression. In her later years her style changed slightly showing more freedom and use of colour, while years of experience with brushes show skilled execution and technique. Nungarrayi produced some truly stunning work with heavy bold confident brush work while manipulating a broad range of colour. This artist's depth of character and life experience is reflected in her work.

Nungarrayi was also known as Maggie Jurrah/Hargraves. Towards the end she preferred to be known as Lily Jurrah.

Nungarrayi was one of the old desert walkers born in the Tanami Desert in her country near Jilla or Chilla Well. She was a senior law woman, highly respected in Lajamanu. For many years she taught children Warlpiri language and culture in the school bilingual education program. Nungarrayi had 4 children 2 of whom are still alive. Her sister had 7 children.

Nungarrayi was mother to these as well. 3 of this group were still alive in 2018. Nungarrayi was co wife with her sister so they raised their children together.

Nungarrayi's art is held in a number of major collections, and she has been widely exhibited both in Australia and overseas, including France, Brazil and the USA. In 2009 and 2014 Nungarrayi was a finalist, highly commended in the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards.



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Exhibitions

- 2018 Summer Show, JGM Art, London
- 2018 Ancient Stories New Narratives: 21st Century Aboriginal Womens Art
- 2018 O TEMPO DOS SONHOS - OUT OF THE DREAMING: CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ART, Brazil
- 2017 A Vibrant Collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Art -Canberra
- 2017 NGURRA KURLU
- 2017 Environment Defenders
- 2016 Suzanne OConnell Gallery
- 2016 YAAMA GANU Gallery NSW
- 2016 Salon de Refuses
- 2015 Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2015 Form Gallery
- 2015 Tunbridge Gallery
- 2015 Jaktman Contemporary Art Gallery
- 2014 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards
- 2014 Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantajaku Tjuta
- 2014 Vivien Anderson Gallery
- 2013 Suzanne OConnell Gallery
- 2012 "Touch the Ground" Brits Art, Germany
- 2012 Brave Festival Wroclaw Poland
- 2012 Galerie Yapa Paris France
- 2011 "Wamayaka Jukurpa" Merenda Gallery, Perth
- 2009 Framed Gallery Darwin
- 2008 Lajamanu NT "Milpirri"
- 2001 Darwin Entertainment Centre Holiday Inn Tandanya, Adelaide
- 1996 "The Meeting Place" touring exhibition, Australia Gallery Gabriella Pizzi Melbourne
- 1994 Gabriel Gallery Melbourne
- 1992 Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs
- 1991 TAFE Darwin
- 1991 High Court Canberra
- 1991 Australian Embassy, Washington USA
- 1991 Ecole des Beaux Arts Grenoble France
- 1990 National Gallery of Victoria
- 1991 TAFE Darwin
- 1989 Dreamtime Gallery Perth
- 1987 Gallery Gabriella Pizzi Melbourne
- 1987 Hogarth Gallery Sydney



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Collections

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA MELBOURNE VIC, Australia

MUSEUM & ART GALLERY OF NORTHERN TERRITORY, NT Australia

COLLECTION ROEMER, GERMANY

AAMU - MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ABORIGINAL ART, HOLLAND UNITED NATIONS,
DARWIN NT Australia

Peter Boehm Collection, Sydney NSW Australia

Art Bank Australia

Wesfarmers Collection of Australian Art, Perth, Australia Art Bank Australia

Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin Australia