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ARTIST CV

Nora Nungabar



Birth date: c. 1960s (d. 2016)

Language: Manyjilyjarra

Nora Nungabar was born near Lipuru, also known as Well 37 on the Canning Stock Route, and remembered her mother looking after her in a hollow in the side of a sand hill. She grew up in the country that became Wells 33-38 on the Canning Stock Route. She passed away in 2016.

As a young woman Nora travelled north with the drovers to Balgo where she settled and raised a family. She eventually relocated to her homelands at Kunawarritji but continues to travel regularly between Kunawarritji, Balgo and Mulan today. She painted for both Warlayirti and Martumili Artists, and many younger artists describe having learned to paint by watching her example. She is a custodian of a great deal of cultural knowledge about the Kunawarritji area, some of which is referred to in her paintings.

Medium

Weaving - grass and wool baskets

Painting - acrylic on canvas

Themes

Kunawarritji, Kirritji Wimilultju Tjukupa Iladingja, Kun Kun, Lipuru, Lumpu

Minyi Puru, Nyaruri, Piny Purnu, Nyipil, Parnkapini, Watapani

Warrarn, Yirrti/Yirriti, Yurla Jukurpa, Yurla, Yirnapayi, old lady in trouble in Kunawarritji

Exhibitions

2012 Martumili Artists at Art Mob, Art Mob, Hobart

2010 Edge of the Lake, Short Street Gallery, Broome

2010 Yiwarra Kuju – One Road, One People, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

2010 Jakulpa laju kartyinpa (Bringing a message), Chapman Gallery, Canberra

2010 Shalom Gamarada Ngiyani Yana (We walk together as friends), Waterhole Art, Sydney

2010 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs 2011 Green, Outstation, Darwin

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2009 Wangka-Lampaju (Our Story), Randell Lane Gallery, Perth

2009 Warranpalampaju kayili yaninpa (Our Country travelling north), Raft Art Space, Darwin

2009 Yankuni laju karnkani kujungka (We are travelling together by air), Red Dot Gallery, Singapore

2009 Nintijunu (Teaching), Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney

2008 Ngurra waltja wakarni (We are painting country), Short St Gallery, Broome

2008 Laltu tujuparaku, yulpalpa yirnaparaku (Lots of women, little bit men), Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney

2008 Jitirangu (Rainbow), Randell Lane Gallery, Perth

Awards

2010 Finalist, Hedland Art Award, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland

2011 Living Water – Contemporary Art of the Far Western Desert, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

2011 Yiwarra Kuju – One Road, One People, Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Perth

2011 Yiwarra Kuju – One Road, One People, Australian Museum, Sydney

2012 Martumili Artists Recent Works, William Mora Gallery, Melbourne

Collections

National Museum of Australia

National Gallery of Victoria

Publications

We Don't Need A Map. Martumili Artists, Fremantle Art Centre, 2012.