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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Gordon Barney



Birth date: 1945

Birth Place: Birnuwun - Alice Downs Station, WA

Skin: Jaangari

Gordon Barney was born and grew up on Alice Downs Station. His father taught him stockwork and he became known as a skilled horsebreaker and buckjumper (rodeo rider). When Gordon worked as a stockman, he would often carry with him a saddle bag for his ochre collection. At the end of his mustering stint, he would have a bagful of ochres that he sourced from riding through his country.

Whilst working on Mabel Downs Station Gordon met Shirley Purdie who later became his wife. Shirley is a well-known senior Warmun artist who encouraged Gordon to paint his country. He started painting in 1998 when Warmun Art Centre commenced operation, often painting various hill lines located in his traditional country. Barney's sense of concentration and focus on country are often reflected in these landscapes. Gordon is well known in Warmun Community as a strong law and culture man and as an important ceremonial dancer.

Solo Exhibitions

2007 January Bett Gallery - Hobart, Tas

Group Exhibitions

2022 January The Summer Collectors Show – Everywhen Artspace Flinders, VIC

2021 January The Summer Collectors Show – Everywhen Artspace, Flinders, VIC

2020 July The Ochre Story – Japingka Aboriginal Art, Freemantle, WA

2020 Wildlife!, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2020 April Badem Mawoondool – red ochre, white ochre – Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney NSW

2019 November “Connection to Country Fundraiser Exhibition, Form Gallery, Perth WA

2019 September “Manparra” Big Boss Man – Male Masters Show – Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA

2019 August Warmun Artists / Whenua – Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2019 February Desert River Sea, Art Gallery of Western Australia - A landmark exhibition of Kimberley Aboriginal Art held at the Art Gallery of WA in February 2019

2018 November Environs Kimberley Art Auction – Gallows Gallery, WA

2018 October Art for Wellbeing, Boab Health Services – Kununurra, WA

2018 Christmas Salon, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2018 June Connections: Microscopy Exhibition 60,000 YEARS OF TRADITION MEET THE MICROSCOPIC WORLD - Powerhouse Museum, Vivid Festival, Sydney NSW

2018 April GIJA Exhibition, Wooloongabba Art Gallery, Queensland – An Exhibition honouring the Warmun artists, and 20 years of the Gija art movement

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2018 March Other People Think, Auckland Art Gallery Toi O Tamaki - Other People Think: Auckland's Contemporary International Collection vividly reflects a turn towards the Asia Pacific region, including South America, which respects the changing demographics of New Zealand's largest and most diverse city.

2018 March Warmun at Twenty Exhibition – Nancy Sever Gallery, Canberra, ACT

2017 October Environs Kimberley Group Show - Kidogo Art House, Fremantle, WA

2017 June Spiritual essence of the Earth with Warmun artists - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin gallery • Brussels

2015 September LIVELY: New Prints from Warmun Arts - Nomad Arts, Darwin NT

2014 February Warmun: Gija Contemporary Art of Western Australia - Harvey Art Projects, USA

2014 February Warmun Aboriginal Art - Art Images Gallery, Adelaide, SA

2013 March Earth: Ochre Painting from Warmun - Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2012 January CCAE - Darwin, NT

2011 January Where Knowledge Comes From, Gadfly Gallery - Perth Concert Hall, Perth, WA

2010 January Kimberley Aboriginal Artists, Cross Cultural Art Exchange - Darwin, NT

2010 January Warmun - Our Earth Our Story - Art Images Gallery, Norwood, SA

2010 January Ochres of the Kimberley - Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River, WA

2009 January Ochre Dreaming: Stories from the East Kimberley - ReDot Gallery, Singapore

2009 January Sharing Difference on Common Ground: Mangkaja, Mowanjum, Waringarri, Warmun - Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth, WA

2009 January Warnarran Gelengen : Old Times New Times - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW

2009 January Warmun Ochres: Rich Earth - Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA

2008 January New Voices in Gija Art - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic

2008 January Mungowum Ngarraknaari Yaaron (Strong Stories, Strong Culture) - Short St. Gallery, Broome, WA

2008 January Warmun at Ten: A Decade of Warmun Art - Hogarth Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2008 January Warmun at Ten, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair - Darwin, NT

2008 January Ten Years of Warmun Ochres - Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT

2007 January Greetings from Turkey Creek - Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2007 January Ochre, Brushes, Canvas: new work from Warmun - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW

2007 January Warmun Snapshot, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair - Darwin, NT

2007 January Warmun Artists in New York - Ralph Pucci Gallery, New York, USA

2006 January Gentlemen from Warmun - Seva Frangos Art, Perth

2006 January Warmun Art Centre Presents - Mary Place Galley, Sydney, NSW

2006 January What Bird is That? - Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic

2005 January New Work from Warmun - Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA

2004 January Warmun Group Exhibition - Sydney, NSW

2003 January Ngarrgooroon, Yiyili & Yarangka - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW

2002 January Collectors Show, Span Galleries in conjunction with Seva Frangos - Melbourne, Vic

2002 January Beyond Wings - Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA

2002 January All that Gija Country - Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA

2002 January Easter Group Show - Bett Gallery, Hobart, Tas

2002 January Thornquest Gallery - Gold Coast, Qld

2002 January Shirley Purdie & Gordon Barney joint show - Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT

2002 January Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi - Melbourne, Vic

2001 January Chapel off Chapel Gallery - South Melbourne, Vic

2001 January Bett Gallery, Richies Mill Gallery - Launceston, Tas

2001 January In Celebration: Peter Baillie Acquisitive Exhibition - Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide

2001 January Thornquest Gallery - Gold Coast, Qld

2001 January Ochres Show - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA

2000 January Bush Paint Country - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW

2000 January Kunst der Aborigines - Galerie Baehr, Dormagen, Germany

2000 January Blick Dicht, Adelhausermuseum - Freiburg, Germany

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2000 January Ben Grady Gallery - Canberra, ACT
2000 January Bett Gallery - Hobart, Tas
2000 January Kunst der Aborigines - Galerie Baehr, Leverkusen, Germany
2000 January The Collection - Galerie Australis, Adelaide, SA
2000 January This Earth for Us: Australia Dreaming - The Commonwealth Institute, London, Bristol & Edinburgh, UK
2000 January State of My Country - Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2000 January Melbourne Art Fair - Bett Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
2000 January Michael Carr Gallery - Sydney, NSW
1999 January Hale School annual art exhibition - Hale School, Perth, WA
1999 January Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi - Melbourne, Vic
1999 January Aboriginal Art, IHK - Wuerzburg, Germany (in association with Aboriginal Art Galerie Bahr, Speyer)
1999 January Hogarth Galleries - Paddington, Sydney, NSW
1999 January Short Street Gallery - Broome, WA
1999 January Karen Brown Gallery - Darwin, NT
1999 January Japingka Gallery - Fremantle, Perth, WA

Collections

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CHARTWELL COLLECTION, AUCKLAND ART GALLERY
TOI O TAMAKI
KERRY STOKES COLLECTION
PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA, GERMANY & USA
COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE COLLECTION, LONDON, UK
EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY ART COLLECTION, PERTH, WA
HARVEY WAGNER COLLECTION, USA
KERRY STOKES COLLECTION
NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY COLLECTION, DARWIN, NT
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BACHELOR INSTITUTE COLLECTION, NT
BROADMEADOWS PUBLIC HOSPITAL COLLECTION, MELBOURNE, VIC
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM, SA
HARLAND COLLECTION, NSW
KAPLAN COLLECTION, USA
KERRY STOKES COLLECTION, PERTH, WA
LAVERTY COLLECTION, SYDNEY, NSW
MUSEUM & ART GALLERY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, NT
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK
ART GALLERY OF NSW
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AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP -INTERPRETATION OF WORK FOR AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, DUBLIN
BACHELOR INSTITUTE, COOMALIE CULTURE CENTRE, NT
BANKS COLLECTION, USA
BROADMEADOWS HEALTH SERVICE COLLECTION, VIC
EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY COLLECTION, WA
GAVAN FOX COLLECTION, ADELAIDE, SA
HARDING FAMILY COLLECTION, QLD
HARLAND COLLECTION, NSW

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KAPLAN COLLECTION, USA

KERRY STOKES COLLECTION

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY COLLECTION, PERTH, WA

MUSEUM & ART GALLERY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, DARWIN, NT

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE, VIC

NIBBERLUNA COLLECTION, TAS

PARLIAMENT HOUSE COLLECTION

RACV COLLECTION, MELBOURNE, VIC

RON WHYTE COLLECTION, SYDNEY, NSW

STRACHAN COLLECTION, MELBOURNE, VIC

WESFARMERS COLLECTION, PERTH, WA