

EVERYWHEN ART

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Helen Samson



Birth Date: 1943
Place of Birth: Jigalong
Language: Warnman

Helen Samson is the younger sister of Lily Long and Amy French, but unlike her sisters, she was born in Jigalong mission and has no memory of her parents. She grew up in the dormitory at Jigalong, but spent her weekends and holidays in the bush with her extended family. Once married, she lived around Puntawarri, walking and hunting around there, and she also worked on Mundawindi and Sylvania Stations. She knows many places that her ancestors travelled in that area and greatly enjoys painting the stories for those places. She paints her traditional country around Karlamilyi and also places she has lived, such as Kapartila, Nyarungarku and Nyiyanguya, which are all significant water bodies around Puntawarri.

Group Exhibitions

2019 Punmukarti!, Yaama Gaanu, Moree NSW
2018 Warla Tuwa, Aboriginal Contemporary, Bronte NSW
2017 Art at the Heart, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2017 Community Life, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2017 After the Rains, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
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2017 Revealed Emerging Aboriginal artists from Western Australia, Fremantle
2017 Arts Centre Flight: Aboriginal Perspectives from the Sky, FORM Gallery, Perth
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2015 Pukurlpa - Good Inside, Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree, NSW
2014 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2014 Right Now, Boomalli Gallery, Leichardt, Vic
2013 August Salon des Refuses, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2013 July Martumili Art Show, Newman Visitors Centre, Newman
2013 June A Study of the Figurative in Desert Painting, Short Street Gallery, Broome
2013 April Revealed: emerging Aboriginal artists from Western Australia, Gallery Central, Perth WA
2012 November We Don't Need A Map: a Martu experience of the Western Desert
2012 November Martumili Artists 2012, Merenda Gallery, Perth
2009 January Puntu kurnu (Belongs to the people), Newman Visitors Centre, Newman
2008 January Revealed Exhibition, Central TAFE Art Gallery, Perth
2008 January Martumili Artists, Port Hedland Courthouse Arts Centre and Gallery