

# EVERYWHEN ART

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

### Kathy Ramsay



Date of Birth: 10/09/1965

Birth place: Bow River, WA

Language: Gija, Kimberley Kriol

Kathy Ramsay is one of Warmun Art Centre's most prolific emerging artists carrying on the legacy of her artistic family. The daughter of artists Rammey and Mona Ramsay, and the granddaughter of the late Timmy Timms, Kathy only begun painting in 2013, yet has already been included in numerous group exhibitions and private collections across Australia and internationally. In 2015 Kathy was selected for Revealed, a biennial art event celebrating emerging Aboriginal artists in Western Australia. Kathy was born in Bow River.

Of her work Kathy says, "I only started painting in 2013. I like to join in and to be sharing a part of my Country. My mother and my grandfather always told us what this place means, what the names are, and all those Ngarranggarni (Dreaming) stories. Now, with all this painting, I'll be the one to tell them to my kids. I'm the mother of three sons, but I lost my oldest son in 2008. He was really strong in corroboree and culture, but my other sons, they carry it on too. They went to school in Warmun, and I worked in the childcare centre and cleaning and bits like that. Now I'm painting all the time. I just paint what my old people told me about our Country – because they are the ones who know the history of our Country, the Country we're still connected to today. Our Country really knows us, and it owns us."

In 2017, Kathy was a finalist in the John Fries Art Award, where she flew to Sydney to attend the opening night and celebrations. In her interview with the national broadcaster, the ABC, Kathy said "Everything is rolling in my mind, I can't stop painting, I like to do it and bring it out through my heart, with the stories." Later on in 2018, Kathy was a finalist in the regional Hedland Art Award for her prominent painting depicting an in depth story about Juwulinji, often the subject in her paintings. Her ancestral Country is also known as Bow River, incorporating rich Ngarranggarni stories with recent histories of station life.

### Solo Exhibitions

2021 March Ngaboo-lang: Collaborative works by Rammey Ramsey and Kathy Ramsay - Koskela, Sydney

### Group Exhibitions

2023 Kimberley Ochres, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2021 October Tarnanthi - Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA

2021 February Auckland Art Fair - Tim Melville Booth, Auckland, New Zealand

2020 November This Is Tomorrow - Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand

2020 October Whenua Ukaipo/United Nations 75 - Public Trust Hall, Te Whanganui-a-tara Wellington

2020 October Warlawoon - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin

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2020 October Juwurlinji - Kristin Hjellegjerde, London  
2020 September Wigim - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney  
2020 July The Ochre Story - Japingka Aboriginal Art, Fremantle, WA  
2020 April Badem Mawoondool - red ochre, white ochre - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney  
2020 January Summer Salon - Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA  
2019 November "Connection to Country" Fundraiser exhibition, Form Gallery, Perth WA- Environmental Defenders Office of WA exhibition  
2019 August Warmun Artists / Whenua - Tim Melville Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand  
2019 August SALON des Refuses - Telstra NATSIAA - Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, curated by Matt Ward & Paul Johnstone  
2019 July "Our Land Our Place" NAIDOC Week exhibition by Artitja Fine Art - Government House, Perth WA  
2019 June Bow River Country - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney NSW  
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 October 2019 Hedland Art Award - Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland  
2018 April Gija Exhibition, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Queensland - An exhibition honouring the Warmun artists, and 20 years of the Gija art movement.  
2018 March Warmun At Twenty Exhibition - A group exhibition celebrating 20 years of Warmun Art Centre, Nancy Sever Gallery, Canberra  
2018 March Kimberley to Coast Exhibition at Salt Contemporary Art - McCulloch & McCulloch, Queenscliff, March 2018  
2017 October Port Hedland Art Award - Finalists - Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery  
2017 July When The Sky Fell: Legacies of the 1967 Referendum - Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth  
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2017 June Spiritual essence of the Earth with Warmun artists - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin gallery • Brussels  
2017 May Art of the Gija People - Nancy Sever Gallery, Canberra  
2017 May For the Women - Tandanya, Adelaide  
2016 June Warlbowinj and Jumulunj (River Wallaby and Boab Tree) - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin  
2015 August Warmun Then and Now - Berndt Museum - The University of Western Australia, Perth  
2014 February Warmun Aboriginal Art - Art Images Gallery, Adelaide, SA  
2014 February Warmun: Gija Contemporary Art of Western Australia - Harvey Art Projects, USA  
2014 February Transitions - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA

## Collections

ART GALLERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH, WA

## Awards

2017 Port Hedland Art Awards Finalist  
2017 John Fries Award Finalist  
2015 REVEALED - Fremantle Arts Centre WA