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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Betty Bundamurra



Birth date: 20/09/1960

Language: Ngarinyin, Worrora, Wunambal

Betty was born at Karunji station where her father was a stockman. She was born in the bush while her parents were on a walkabout. At the age of three, after the death of her mother, Betty came to Kalumburu Mission Convent where she was looked after by Ignatia Ganwalla and the nuns. She worked in the mission baking bread and at the Kalumburu school as a teaching aid. Betty has five children and eleven grandchildren, and lives happily with her family in Kalumburu.

Along with other Kalumburu community elder, she established the Kira Kiro Artists centre in 2009. Betty is a prolific artist with a unique visual expression, a storyteller and a poet. She has also held the position of senior arts worker at Kira Kiro Artists from 2012 to 2019.

She is a graduate of the ANKA Arts-worker Extension Program and the Art Gallery of Western Australia's Desert River Sea Visual Arts Leadership program.

Solo Exhibitions

2018 "Wandjinas Assistant", Coe-ee Gallery Paddington, Sydney, NSW

2018 "Wandjina's Assistant", Coe-ee Gallery Paddington, Sydney NSW

Group Exhibitions

2021 Looking Back, Moving Forward - Durrungoo Marnas, Dawang Gallery, Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, Kununurra, WA

2021 Autumn Salon 2021, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2021 Kimberley Ochres, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2020 Connected to the Land, Cross Art Projects, Kings Cross, Sydney NSW

2020 The Jury Prize, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland WA

2020 Wildlife!, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2019 In Ochre, Artitja Fine Art, South Fremantle, Perth WA

2019 Desert River Sea: Portraits of the Kimberley, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth WA

2019 Water Talk, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco, Perth WA

2018 Connection to Country, Environmental Defender's Office of Western Australia, West Perth WA

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2017 Hedland Art Award, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland WA

2017 Kimberley Art Award, Shire of Derby, Derby WA

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2016 Visual Arts Leadership Program Exhibition, Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, Kununurra WA
2015 Kalumburu Artists, Mossenson Galleries, Perth WA
2015 Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney NSW
2014 Melbourne Art Fair, Mossenson Galleries, Exhibition Centre, Melbourne VIC
2014 Finalist 31st Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, N.T.
2013 Traversing Borders: Art from the Kimberley, University of Technology Art Museum, Brisbane QLD
2013 "Our Living Land" An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, OFOTO ANART Gallery, Shanghai, China
2013 "Our Living Land" An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, Salvo Hotel, Shanghai, China
2013 "Kira Kiro - Art of Kalumburu" Mossenson Gallery, Collingwood VIC
2012 "Songlines - A Coo-ee Christmas" Coo-ee Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW
2012 "Revealed" An Exhibition of Emerging Indigenous Artists from WA, Central TAFE Gallery, Perth
2010 "The Rebirth of Kalumburu Painting" Mossensons Gallery Melbourne VIC
2010 "The Kalumburu Project" Seva Frangos Art Perth WA
2010 "27th NATSIAA" Museum and Gallery of Northern Territory NT

Collections

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ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL, MURDOCH, WA

Bibliography

2013 "Our Living Land" Exhibition Catalogue