

Short St. Gallery

Phyllis Ningamara (Binjalk)

Born 1944 - 2018
Region Flying Fox WA
Language Miriwoong

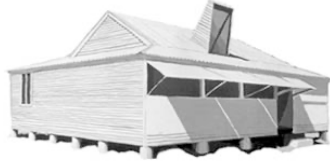


Biography

Phyllis Ningamara's imagery interprets country through a kaleidoscope of colour revealing her talent as an exceptional colourist working within the boundaries of traditional natural materials. Her palette of bright ochres mixed carefully from pigments altered by burning and juxtaposition capture a country sometimes flooding with wet season rains, sometimes as expanses of stony riverbeds. Bush foods interpreted through colour hint at deliciousness. Creeks, rivers, and freshwater springs overflow multiplying their meander until a patch worked country, criss-crossed with watercourses. The coloured stones called "Gerany" that represent the stretches of stone country along the river flats move and shift with colour accents across the canvas. Phyllis was born on Ivanhoe Station and raised on Kimberley cattle stations where her parents worked. She began painting late in life after raising a family reinterpreting the cultural lessons of her childhood taught by her father. Phyllis was a highly respected senior Miriwoong woman and cultural leader. Sadly, she passed away in 2018.

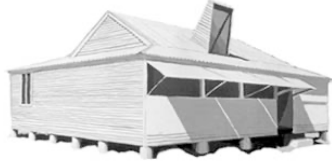
Group Exhibitions

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| 2022 | Garrbe Garrbe: Lets Go Collecting - Short St Gallery, Broome WA |
| 2021 | Berrdalngtha Woolang – Strong Stories, Mossenson Galleries, Subiaco WA |
| 2018 | This Place Holds the Key: Waringari Female Artists, JGM Art Ltd, Battersea, London UK |
| 2018 | The Art of Healing: Australian Indigenous Bush Medicine, Medical History Museum, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC |
| 2017 | Earth Matters, FORM, Perth WA |
| 2016 | Birrgamibging Mermdam - Things Made on Paper, Tunbridge Gallery, Perth WA |
| 2014 | Belle Arti Prize Exhibition, Chapman and Bailey, Melbourne VIC |
| 2013 | Traversing Borders. Art from the Kimberley, Queensland 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 |



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- 2013 "Our Living Land" An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley, Salvo Hotel, Shanghai, China
- 2013 "Waringari Artists: Raison d'être" Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles France
- 2013 The 2013 Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of NSW
- 2012 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton
- 2012 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, Bunbury
- 2012 "Living Country" Tunbridge Gallery Margaret River WA
- 2012 An Architect's Eye: The John Mainwaring Collection Noosa Regional Gallery QLD
- 2012 An Architect's Eye: The John Mainwaring Collection Caboolture Regional Gallery QLD
- 2012 "Songlines - A Coo-ee Christmas" Coo-ee Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW
- 2012 "Colourists of Mirriwoong Country" Tali Gallery Sydney NSW
- 2012 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" The Cannery Arts Centre, Esperence
- 2012 "Fleurieu Art Prize" Signal Point Gallery Goolwa SA
- 2011 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery, Mandurah
- 2010 "Small Presents Big Presence - 8 Artists 100 Artworks" Seva Frangos Art Perth WA
- 2009 "Sharing Difference on Common Ground" Holmes A Court Gallery Perth WA
- 2008 "Waringari Women" Suzanne OConnell Gallery Brisbane QLD
- 2008 "Kimberley Ink" Northern Editions Darwin NT
- 2008 "Crossing Country" Alison Kelly Gallery Melbourne VIC
- 2008 "Kimberley Ink and Ochre" Wollongong University NSW
- 2008 "Small Presents - Big Presence" Seva Frangos Art Perth WA
- 2007 "Xstrata Coal Emerging Indigenous Art Award" Art Gallery of Queensland Brisbane QLD
- 2006 "Belonging, Dancing, Walking" Seva Frangos Art @ Span Galleries Melbourne VIC
- 2005 "My Mothers Country" Indigenart melbourne VIC
- 2004 "Waringari Artists" Indigenart Perth WA
- 2003 Warinagri Artists Jindy Gallery Melbourne VIC
- 2002 Heyson Prize Adelaide SA
- 2001 Past Modern. Short St Gallery/Australia Square



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Collections

ARTBANK AUSTRALIA
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