



# Short St. Gallery



## **Brian Mudgebell**

**Born** 1971  
**Language** Kukatja / Walmajarri  
**Region** Balgo, WA

Brian is the son of senior law woman Mati Mudgebell (deceased). Brian moved between the communities of Balgo and Mulan as a young boy. He has fond memories of hunting south of Mulan at Paruku with his mother and brother.

In the Lake of Paruku lives the cheeky (dangerous) snake, Waniara, who would eat people during the jukurpa. Brian speaks of being cautious when approaching the lake.

In Balgo, Brian attended The Luumpa Catholic School and travelled to Melbourne and Adelaide on special excursions. Brian is married with three children and also enjoys being a member of a local band that toured to Perth. Brian started painting in 1992 and explains how he continues the legacy learnt from his grandmother. He has inherited her stories, which encompasses country south west of Balgo in the Great Sandy Desert.

Brian has exhibited extensively in Australia and overseas. His work is also displayed at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

## **Group Exhibitions**

- 2021 Earth is Touch: Recent Paintings from Balgo Hills - Cavin Morris Gallery, New York City
- 2019 Journey Through Culture - Redot Fine Art Gallery presented as part of Tarnanthe, nthspace Gallery, Adelaide
- 2014 Warlayirti: the Art of Balgo - RMIT, Melbourne, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs



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- 2013 Desert Mob Exhibition - Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT  
2013 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair - Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin  
2013 Into the Future - Emerging Talent - COO-EE Gallery, Bondi Beach, NSW  
2013 Seoul Open Arts Fair - Korea (in conjunction with Desert, Alice Springs)  
2013 Balgo Survey - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne  
2013 Nora & Friends - Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, New Farm  
2012 Watermark - the Signature of Life - IDAIA, Hong Kong  
2012 Warlayirti Artists - Warlayirti Artists, Desert Mob Exhibition, Alice Springs  
2012 Warlayirti Artists - Artkelch Pro Community, Freiburg, Grassi Museum Leipzig, Fabrik Der Kunste, Hamburg and Galerie Gunzoburg Bodensee (Lake Constance), Germany  
  
2012 Balgo 2012 - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne  
2011 Desert Mob - Araluen Centre, Alice Springs  
2011 Balgo 2011 – Balgo 2011, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne  
2010 Balgo Survey – ReDot Gallery, Singapore  
2010 Desert Mob – Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
2009 Balgo Survey: Art from Balgo – Outstation Gallery, Darwin  
2008 Revealed Emerging Artists from WA Aboriginal Art Centres – Central Tafe art Gallery, Perth  
  
2008 Balgo Survey – ReDot Gallery, Singapore  
2008 Emerging Artists Exhibition, The Power of Observation - Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs  
  
2008 Balgo Survey – Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne  
2008 Wirrimanu: Aboriginal Art from Balgo – Outstation, Darwin

## Collections

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra