

Short St. Gallery



Doreen Chapman

Birth Year	1971
Language Group	Manyjilyjarra
Region	Pilbara

Biography as told by Doreen's mother, Maywokka May Chapman:

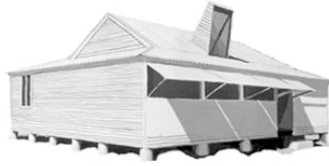
"Been born Jigalong. Big sister for my son, Dennis Thomas. [S]he been come this way, Hedland. Doreen [and] me [are] from Karntimarta, Warralong. I been bring him [her] here. Little girl [s]he start painting in Warralong. [S]he looking... looking... [s]he quick painter, quickly, looking, looking. No fishing, no hunting, no car, painting, painting every day eh? You been bring 'em, [s]he painting, painting, painting! (laughs)"

Doreen Chapman was born at Jigalong Mission in the early 1970's, though she soon moved with her family to newly Aboriginal owned Strelley Station. In Doreen's youth, she continued to travel between remote Pilbara communities including Warralong, Punmu and Marble Bar with her mother, senior Martumili Artist, May Wokka Chapman. Today Doreen primarily lives in Warralong community.

Doreen first learned to paint alongside her mother, beginning her artistic career with Martumili Artists in March 2009 when she and the other women of Punmu painted a large collaborative artwork to raise funds for the community. Doreen is now an established artist in her own right, known for her loose, uninhibited painting style. As a deaf woman, painting is an important means of communication and expression for Doreen.

Solo Exhibitions

2020	Lester Art Prize, Perth, WA
2020	Always on the move, Suzanne OConnell Gallery



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2019 Doreen Chapman- A New Perspective, Turner Galleries, Perth, WA
2016 Doreen Chapman - Doreen Chapman, FORM Gallery, Perth, WA

Group Exhibitions

2024 Land Rights + Sea Rights
2024 The 24th Biennale of Sydney, Ten Thousand Suns, Sydney, NSW
2023 ICYMI (In Case You Missed It), Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2023 Maggie x Doreen, Spinifex Hill Studio, South Hedland, WA
2022 Tracks We Share: Contemporary Art of the Pilbara, Art Gallery of WA, Perth, WA
2020 Painting Place, Chapman & Bailey, Melbourne, VIC
2020 Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT
2020 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2020 The Jury Art Prize, The Junction Co., Port Hedland, WA
2020 Different Sorta Colour, The Design Files, Melbourne, VIC
2019 Perth Royal Art Prize, Perth, WA
2019 Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT
2019 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2019 6722, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
2019 Paru [Spinifex], Artitja Fine Art Gallery, Perth, WA
2019 Mid-West Art Prize, Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton, WA
2019 Born Strong, Harvey Art Projects, USA
2019 Desert Mob 2019, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
2019 Punmukarti!, Yaama Gaanu, Moree NSW
2018 Pujiman, Martumili Artists and Spinifex Hill Artists, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery
2018 Hedland Art Award, Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery, WA
2018 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2018 Ancient Stories, New Narratives, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, NSW
2018 Good Enough! The Art of Spinifex Hill Artists - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2017 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2017 Community Life, Martumili Gallery, Newman, WA
2017 Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
2016 Desert Mob
2016 Mandjar Art Exhibition, Mandurah Performing Art Centre, WA
2016 Anything Colours - Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
2015 We Call It Home - FORM Gallery, Perth, WA
2015 Hedland Art Award - Courthouse Gallery Port Hedland, WA
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2015 Revealed 2015, Gallery Central, Perth, WA



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- 2011 Living Water – Contemporary Art of the Far Western Desert, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2010 Before and After Science, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide Biennial 2010
- 2010 Martumili Group Exhibition, AP Bond Gallery, Adelaide

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria
Artbank, Sydney

Awards

- 2021 Cossack Art Awards - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist, 19-1265, Red Dog
- 2019 Perth Royal Art Prize - Highly Commended
- 2017 Hedland Art Awards - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist
- 2017 Cossack Art Award 2017 - Best Painting by a Pilbara Artist
- 2016 Cossack Art Prize 2016 - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist
- 2016 Hedland Art Awards 2016 - Kathy Donnelly Judges Award
- 2015 Cossack Art Prize 2015 - Best Painting by an Indigenous Artist