

PATRICK MUNG MUNG

Age: 62 years
SubsectionSkin: Julama (Juwurru)
Language: Gija & Kimberley Kriol
Born: Yunurr (Spring Creek)



Biography

Patrick Mung Mung is a senior artist at Warmun Art Centre and an elder at Warmun Community in the East Kimberley. Painting with natural earth pigments on canvas is a significant aspect of his art practice. His knowledge of his country and his cultural memory of family, land and work are powerfully linked in his work.

Like his late father, George Mung Mung, Patrick is a strong crosscultural communicator. Mung Mung's work is influenced by the previous generation of Warmun artists, which include Rover Thomas and Paddy Jaminji - in its raw directness and composition.

Mung Mung was born at Spring Creek and worked as a stockman for many years on Texas Downs Station and nearby stations in the East Kimberley. He was the last worker to leave Texas Downs when it closed down in the 1970s.

In 1991 following his father's death, it fell to Mung Mung to accompany his father's carving 'Mary of Warmun' to Canberra for the exhibition 'Aboriginal Art and Spirituality' at the High Court of Australia. This occasion marked the beginning of a journey for Mung Mung, which was to see him take on his father's role of senior artist, law and culture man.

Patrick Mung Mung started painting in 1991, and was instrumental in establishing the artist-and-community-owned art centre at Warmun in 1998.

Medium

Natural ochre and pigment on linen or canvas

Themes

Jarlarlu country - Patrick's father's country
Yunurrel (Spring Creek) country, Patrick's birthplace
Ngarranggarni stories from Texas Downs Station country
Stories about station life
Aerial maps of Ngarrgoorroon country

Solo Exhibitions

2010 Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
2008 'The Gentle Light of Warmun: Patrick Mung Mung & Yvonne Martin', Seva Frangos Art, Perth, WA
2007 'Patrick Mung Mung & Betty Carrington', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic

- 2006 'Patrick Mung Mung & Mabel Juli', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
- 2003 Artplace, Perth, WA
- 2000 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic

Group Exhibitions

- 2010 Framed Gallery Darwin, NT
- 2009 'Sharing Difference on Common Ground: Mangkaja, Mowanjum, Waringarri, Warmun,' Holmes a Court Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2009 'First and second generation artists from Waringarri and Warmun', Seva Frangos Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2009 'Ochre: A Study in Materiality', Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2009 'The Best of the Best 2', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2009 'The Youngest One', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2008 'East of East Kimberley: Warmun in Asia', ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2008 'Ten Years of Warmun Ochres', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2008 'Mungowum Ngarraknaari Yaarun (Strong Stories, Strong Culture), Short St. Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2008 'Warmun: Ten Years On, Five Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
- 2008 'Melbourne Art Fair 2008: Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi', Royal Exhibition Buildings, Melbourne, Vic
- 2007 'Ochre, Brushes, Canvas: new work from Warmun', Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2007 'Warda-wurrarem (all kinds of stars)', Raft Artspace, Darwin, NT
- 2007 'Greetings from Turkey Creek', Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2006 'Bungle Bungles', Short St. Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2006 'Gentlemen of Warmun', Seva Frangos Art, Perth, WA
- 2006 'Warmun Art Centre Presents', Mary Place Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2005 'Waterhole Country', Short St. Gallery, Broome, WA
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- 2005 'Waterhole I I', GrantPirrie in association with Raft Artspace, Sydney, NSW
- 2005 'Telstra NATSIAA', Darwin, NT
- 2005 'New Works from Warmun', Framed Gallery, Darwin NT
- 2005 'Gija: across the border', Raft Artspace, Darwin, NT
- 2003 'True stories: Art of the East Kimberley', Yiribana Gallery, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW
- 2003 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2003 'Artist in Residence Exhibition', Coomalie Culture Centre, Bachelor, NT
- 2003 'Masters Show', Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2002 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT

- 2002 'Im Land Ist Das Sein (Land Is Life, Art from Australia)', Jagdschloss, Granitz, Binz, Rugan, Germany
- 2002 Group Show, Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2002 'Warmun Group Show', Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide, SA
- 2002 'Collectors Show', in association with Seva Frangos, Span Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
- 2002 'Munumburra: Wise old men from Warmun', Artplace, Perth, WA
- 2002 'Easter Show', Bett Gallery, Hobart, Tas
- 2002 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
- 2002 Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA
- 2002 'Native Title Business Exhibition', Australia wide, to 2005
- 2001 'New Paintings from Warmun Art Centre', Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
- 2001 'Das Verborgene im Sichtbaren', Staedtsche Galerie Wolfsburg (with Aboriginal Galerie Baehr, Speyer), Germany
- 2001 'Past Modern', Short St. Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2001 'Collectors Show', Bett Gallery, Launceston & Hobart, Tas
- 2001 Chapel off Chapel, Melbourne, Vic
- 2001 '19th NATSIAA', Darwin, NT
- 2000 'State of my Country', Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2000 'This Earth for Us: Australian Dreaming', Commonwealth Institute, London, Bristol & Edinburgh, UK
- 2000 'Traumpfade Zeitgenossische Malerei Australischer Aborigines', Stadtische Galerie, Traunstein, Germany
- 2000 'Kunst der Aborigines', Galerie Baehr, Germany
- 2000 Ben Grady Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2000 Bett Gallery, Hobart, Tas
- 2000 'Blickdicht-an-und Einblicke Zeitgenossische', Adelhausermuseum, Freiburg, Germany
- 2000 'Limited Edition Prints', Chrysalis Publishing, Melbourne, Vic
- 2000 Telstra NATSIAA, Darwin, NT
- 2000 Melbourne Art Fair (Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi), Melbourne, Vic
- 2000 Hogarth Galleries, Paddington, NSW
- 2000 'The Art of Place', National Indigenous Heritage Art Award, Canberra, ACT; selected to tour
- 1999 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
- 1999 'East Kimberley Art Award', Kununurra, WA
- 1999 Japingka Gallery, Perth, WA
- 1999 'Hale School Annual Art Award', Perth, WA
- 1999 Short St. Gallery, Broome, WA
- 1999 Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 1999 Karen Brown Gallery, Darwin, NT

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Vic
Kerry Stokes Collection
Artbank
National Australia Bank
Nibberluna Collection, Tas
Art Gallery of NSW
Parliament House Collection
Harland Collection, NSW
Broadmeadows Health Service Collection, Vic
Bachelor Institute, Coomalie Culture Centre, NT
Kaplan Collection, USA
Strachan Collection, Melbourne, Vic
Ron Whyte Collection, Sydney, NSW
Gavan Fox Collection, Adelaide, SA
Harding Family Collection, Qld
Murdoch University Collection, Perth, WA
Wesfarmers Collection, Perth, WA
RACV Collection, Melbourne, Vic
Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
Edith Cowan University Collection, WA

Awards

2008 Finalist, Inaugural Western Australia Premier's Indigenous Art Awards
2003 Coomalie Culture Centre, Master Artist in Residence Program
1999 East Kimberley Art Awards: Shire Award for Excellence in Art