



Bob Gibson Tjungarrayi

Born 1974, Papanya, NT Australia

BIOGRAPHY:

Bob Gibson Tjungarrayi was born at Papaya in 1974, before moving with his family to Tjukurla during the Papunya Tula movement of the 1980s, where many Ngaanyatjarra people moved to be closer to their ancestral homelands. Bob's mother Mary Gibson, also a leading Tjarlirli artist, is from the country of Kulkurta, his father's country was near Patjarr.

Bob has been painting with Tjarlirli Art since 2007 and quickly found a unique rhythm and approach to painting; bold colours and an inimitable freedom, expressing ancient stories with contemporary flair. Bob is a vibrant character who is well loved within his community and offers support to many family members. He is a keen Sydney Swans supporter and loves listening to all music, especially the local bush bands.

Looking at a Bob Gibson painting feels a little like spending time with the artist himself. Bob's bold, playful presence in the studio is contagious; each canvas brings wild shapes and expressive line met with decisive mark-making and confident realisation of country. His highly unique representations of Tjukurpa are an intersection of traditional storytelling and a spirited contemporary artistic practice. This work is important as it speaks to the complex layers and tensions between cultural, historical and modern influences.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2009 Solo/ Indig enart Gallery Perth Group Exhibitions, Australia
- 2009 Bob Gibson Tjungurrayi: The First Solo Exhibition, Mossenson Galleries, Perth, Australia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2022 Colour Power 22, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 Travelling Through Country, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 Tjarlirli Rocks, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 Bayside Acquisitive Art Award at Bayside Gallery, Victoria, Australia
- 2021 Hadley's Art Prize Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart, Australia
- 2020 Tjukurla Masters - Yaama Ganu, Australia
- 2020 Salon Des Refuses 2020, Australia
- 2020 Rawa Titungarala - Artsource WA, Australia
- 2020 Adazzle, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 Summer Show, JGM Gallery, London, UK

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- 2018 Albany Art Prize, Finalist, Albany, Australia
- 2017 Bob Gibson and Artists From the Gibson Desert, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 Ngurra: Home in the Nganyatjarra, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, Australia
- 2017 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Gallery, Australia
- 2017 Salon De Refuse, Darwin, Australia
- 2017 Tjukurla Tjukurrpa, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, Australia
- 2017 Flight Exhibition, FORM Gallery, Perth, Australia
- 2017 Raft South Artspace, Australia
- 2016 Desert Mob 2016, Australia
- 2016 Salon Des Refuses, Australia
- 2016 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, Australia
- 2016 Touring Exhibition Germany, Art Kelch, Australia
- 2015 Palya, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Australia
- 2015 Tunbridge Gallery, Perth, Australia
- 2015 Desert Mob 2015, Araluen Gallery, Australia
- 2015 Port Headland Courthouse Gallery, Australia
- 2015 NATSIAA 2015, Museum & Gallery of Northern Territory, Australia
- 2015 Recent Works from Tjarlirli adn Warakurna, Harvey Arts Projects, US
- 2014 Warakurna Artist and Tjarlirli Art, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Australia
- 2014 Salon Des REfuses, Outstation Gallery, Australia
- 2014 Our Home in Colour, Outstation Gallery, Australia
- 2014 Living Spirit, Marshall Art, Australia
- 2013 The Wild Ones, RAAFT Artspace, Australia
- 2013 Desert Mob Exhibition 2013, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Australia
- 2013 Telstra NATSIAA 2013, Australia
- 2013 Seeing Beyond, Marshall Arts, Australia
- 2010 Tjarlirli Ggroup Show, Merenda Gallery Fremantle, Australia
- 2010 Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs, Australia
- 2009 Desert Mob, Araluen Gallery Alice Springs, Australia
- 2009 Western Desert Mob Emerging Artist, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, Australia
- 2009 Tjarlirli Group Show, Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River, Australia

AWARDS AND PRIZES:

- 2021 Bayside Acquisitive Art Award at Bayside Gallery, Victoria, Australia (Finalist)
- 2021 Hadley's Art Prize Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart, Australia (Finalist)
- 2020 Telstra NATSIAA 2020, Australia
- 2015 NATSIAA 2015, Museum & Gallery of Northern Territory, Australia (Finalist)
- 2013 Telstra NATSIAA 2013, Australia

COLLECTIONS:

Queensland Art Gallery
GOMA (Queensland Art Gallery)
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