



Peggy Madjarroong Griffiths

Born 1950, Kununurra, Western Australia.

BIOGRAPHY

Peggy Madjarroong Griffiths grew up on Newry Station where she learned about her culture and bush life from her elders, despite being during the assimilation policies being practiced in Australia at that time. Griffiths' work reflects her strong commitment to her Miriwoong culture, with elegant imagery that resonates with references to cultural performance of which she is a renowned dancer. The winding of waterways mimics the sinuous and graceful body movements of a dancer; the outlining dotting reflects a performer's body painting. Her works document the traditional country of her mother and grandfather, and her recent works capture the movement of wind through the spinifex country, which for the artist is evidence that the spirit of culture is alive.

Griffiths began working with Waringarri Aboriginal Arts in 1985, carving and painting boab nuts and boomerangs. Later moving to painting on canvas and working with limited edition prints, she is the first indigenous artist to win the prestigious *Fremantle Print Award*.

Committed to keeping the stories of her grandfather alive and maintaining her connection to culture, Griffiths teaches traditional dances at Waringarri Aboriginal Arts Centre, and is a highly respected senior artist and leader within her community. Griffiths received a Fellowship by the Western Australian Department of Culture and the Arts and represented Western Australia in the Great Australian Landscape Project at the Biennale of Australian Art in 2018. Her has exhibited internationally with work part of multiple public and private collections.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 *Peggy Griffiths*, Seva Frangos Art Perth, Australia
 - 2008 *West meets East - Peggy Griffiths*, Seva Frangos Art Perth, Australia
 - 2005 *Dreaming the Spinifex*, Seva Frangos Art at Span Galleries Melbourne, Australia
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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *This Place Holds the Key*, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 *The Australian Landscape*, Biennale of Australian Art, Ballarat, Australia
- 2018 *Counter Forces: Fire and Water* Peggy and Jan Griffiths, The Cross Art Projects, Sydney, Australia
- 2018 *The Art of Healing, Australian Indigenous Bush Medicine*, Medical History Museum, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 *Yirrib – Together*, Peggy and Jan Griffiths, Jam Factory, Adelaide, Australia
- 2017 *The Hadley Art Award*, Hadley Orient Hotel, Hobart, Australia
- 2017 *When the Sky Fell: Legacies from the 1967 Referendum*, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, Perth, Australia
- 2016 *Community Invitation Art Award*, City of Joondalup, Lakeside Shopping City, Joondalup, Australia
- 2016 *Salon16*, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia
- 2016 *Birrgamibging Merndam – Things Made on Paper*, Tunbridge Gallery, Perth, Australia
- 2015 *Art Stage Singapore*, Mossenson Galleries, Singapore, Malaysia
- 2014 *Belle Arti Prize*, Chapman and Bailey Melbourne, Australia
- 2014 *In the Saddle, On the Wall*, Australia wide travelling exhibition of Kimberley Aboriginal Artists, Australia
- 2013 *Traversing Borders; art from the Kimberley*, Queensland University of Technology Art Museum, Brisbane, Australia
- 2013 *The Calleen Art Award*, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Australia
- 2013 *Our Living Land, An Exhibition of Leading Artists from the East Kimberley*, OFOTO ANART Gallery, Shanghai, China
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- 2013 *The 2013 Sulman Prize*, Art Gallery of NSW, Australia
- 2012 *Sharing Difference on Common Ground*, Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, Bunbury, Australia
- 2012 *Sharing Difference on Common Ground*, The Cannery Arts Centre, Esperance, Australia
- 2012 *Sharing Difference on Common Ground*, Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton, Australia
- 2011 *Sharing Difference on Common Ground*, Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery, Mandurah, Australia
- 2010 *Sharing Difference on Common Ground 2*, CCAE Darwin, Australia

2010	<i>Small Presents Big Presence - 8 Artists 100 Artworks</i> , Seva Frangos Art Perth, Australia
2009	<i>Best of the Best</i> , Framed Gallery Darwin, Australia
2009	<i>Sharing Difference on Common Ground</i> , Holmes A Court Gallery Perth, Australia
2009	<i>Alan & Peggy Griffiths</i> , Short Street Gallery Broome, Australia
2009	<i>First & Second Generation Artists from Waringarri Aboriginal Arts and Warmun Art Centre</i> , Seva Frangos Art Perth, Australia
2008	<i>Kimberley Ink</i> , Northern Editions Darwin, Australia
2008	<i>Celebration</i> , Seva Frangos Art Perth, Australia
2008	<i>Kimberley Ink and Ochre</i> , Wollongong University, Australia
2006	<i>Belonging, Dancing, Walking</i> , Seva Frangos Art at Span Galleries Melbourne, Australia
2005	<i>When Waringarri Came to Town</i> , Woolloongabba Art Gallery Brisbane, Australia
2004	<i>Waringarri 3 Women</i> , Framed Gallery Darwin, Australia
2004	<i>Kimberley Focus - Alan and Peggy Griffiths</i> , Perth International Arts Festival, Perth, Australia
2003	<i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award</i> , Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, Australia
2003	<i>East Kimberley Art</i> , Short St Gallery, Broome, Australia
2002	<i>Heyson Prize</i> , Adelaide, Australia
2002	<i>Love Your Work - 30 Year Exhibition</i> , Fremantle Arts Centre Perth, Australia
2002	<i>Warrgebarenkoo</i> , Fremantle Arts Centre Perth, Australia
2002	<i>Kimberley Ochre</i> , Red Rock Art at Cullen Bay, Australia
2001	<i>Groundwork</i> , Fremantle Arts Centre Perth, Australia
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COLLECTIONS

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Islander Studies Collection
 Artbank Australia
 Australian Equity - Kerry Stokes Collection
 Church Gallery Art Angels
 City of South Perth Collection, Western Australia
 Edith Cowan University
 Fremantle Art Collection
 Gallery of Western Australia
 Holmes A Court Collection Perth, Western Australia
 Kimberley Development Corporation Collection
 Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Collection Virginia, United States
 National Gallery of Australia
 Ochre Health Centre - Bush Medecine Wall
 Parliament House Collection Canberra
 Parliament House Collection Perth
 Royal Perth Hospital Collection
 University of Technology Collection Sydney
 University of Wollongong Collection
 Wesfarmers Collection
 Zhongfu Group Collection
 AIATSIS Australina Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies Collection
 Department of Housing, Government of Western Australia
 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra, Australia

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