

Murungkurr Terry Murray

Skin: Jungarra
Language: Walmajarri
Country: Great Sandy Desert
Date of birth: 09 / 11 / 1976

Walmajarri man Murungkurr Terry Murray lived on Cherrabun Station in a tin shelter. His family had no vehicle so they went hunting on foot. Murungkurr has a strong grounding in bush skills which he learnt from his parents.

He paints his *jaja* [grandfather] and *japi's* [grandmother's] country, called Wirnpa and Japingka. It is the southwestern side of the Great Sandy Desert. This is *jila* [permanent waterhole] country. His mother and brothers lived around there when they were kids. Murungkurr has strong family connections to a significant group of Mangkaja artists and knows his law and family relationships through his skin group. He explains, "Our culture is an everyday learning thing. I grew up with this. You have to have a strong mind and strong spirit and soul and always listen to your elders".

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2010 Jiljis (Sandhills) Brigitte Braun Gallery, Melbourne

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2009 *Margaret River Meets Fitzroy Crossing* Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River, WA
2005 *True Colours - Recent works from Queensland College of Art Gallery, Fitzroy Crossing* Griffith University, QLD
22nd Telstra National Aboriginal Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory & Torres Strait Islander Art Award
2004 *Body of Art Raft* Artspace, Darwin
Porta oberta al Dreamtime Art Aborigen Contemporani d'Australia
Painted the doorway with Caixa de Girona, Girona Spain
Jukuna Mona Chuguna
Ngurrara Canvas Perth Concert Hall, Perth International Arts Festival, WA
2003 Jila, Jumu, Jiwari & Wirrkuja University of Western Australia
2001 *Ngurrara Canvas National Gallery of Australia, ACT*
Mangkaja Arts Ten Years On - Mangkaja's 10 Year Anniversary Show
Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
1999 *Ngurrara Japingka* Gallery, Fremantle, WA

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2004 Perth International Arts Festival *Opening Ceremony*
2003 New Yorker Magazine July 28, 2003 *The Painted Desert The Fate of an Aboriginal Masterpiece Dance Performances*
2003 Exhibition catalogue: Cullity Gallery UWA Perth / Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency Martuwarra and Jila [River and Desert]
2002 Exhibition catalogue Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art / Marrawarra and Jila entry
1998 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Kimberley Land Council Parliament House Canberra and ANU 2003