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MARITA SAMBONO



Born 1968
Traditional Country Ngambu Ngambu
Language Ngan'gikurrunggurr

Marita Sambono was born in the old Daly River hospital within the mission. She went to the mission school and worked in the Health Clinic after leaving school. Marita is married with three children. The family moved to Darwin for a while, she returned to Daly River with her family and shortly commenced work at Merrepen Arts.

Marita Sambono is known for her paintings on canvas, silk and textile designs which are based strongly around the culture and customs of her country. She also paints religious themes.

In 2013, Marita Sambono's fabric design *Fog Dreaming* was crafted into a dress by Raw Cloth, Darwin, and was awarded first prize in the Myer Melbourne Cup Fashions on the Field.

Exhibitions

1989 - 2015 *Merrepen Arts Festival*, Nauiyu Nambiyu, Daly River NT

2005 *Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT

2004 *Merrepen Artists: Prints and Glass*, Charles Darwin university Gallery, Darwin NT; Territory Craft, Katherine NT

2004 *Daly River Artists*, Indigenart, Perth WA

2004 *Heart of the Land*, Macquarie Bank, Sydney NSW

2002-2004 *Endirrlup - Meeting Place*, DPAC Darwin, NT

2002 *Mi Nayin Kinda*, CCC Batchelor, NT

1998 *Paintings from the Daly River*, Raintree Gallery, Darwin NT

1998 *National Indigenous Heritage Award*, Old Parliament House, Canberra ACT

1995 *12th National Aboriginal Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT

1994 *11th National Aboriginal Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT

1994 *Out of the Chrysalis*, Blaxland Gallery, Sydney NSW

1992 *Green River Dreams*, Birrkumarri Gallery, Perth WA

1991 *8th National Aboriginal Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT



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1990 *7th National Aboriginal Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT

1989 *6th National Aboriginal Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT

1989 *Songs from the River*, Birrkumarri Gallery, Perth WA

1988 *5th National Aboriginal Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT

1987 *Paintings by the Women of Nauiyu*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin NT

Awards

2013 *Myer Melbourne Cup Fashion on the Fields First Place winner* - Marita Sambono Fog Dreaming textile design, dress made by Raw Cloth, Darwin

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

Berndt Museum, Perth

Robert Holmes a Court Collection, Perth

Randwick Racing Museum Melbourne

Catholic Education Office, Berrimah-Darwin

East Side Parish Uniting Church, Sydney

Anglican Church, Darwin

Blake Society

Publications

Hotsprings: The Northern Territory & Contemporary Australian Artists by Deana Murray 2012

Raiki Warra: Long Cloth from Aboriginal Australia & Torres Strait - National Gallery of Victoria, 1999

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