

woolloomgabby art gallery



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Traces of Otherness

The legacy of watercolour:
Contemporary women artists,
featuring

the Hermannsburg Potters

Opening Friday 22nd April at 6:30pm
April 15th ~ May 28th 2011

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Artist talks followed by closing drinks:

Sat 28 May, 4.00pm – 8.00pm

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Along with needlework and other 'drawing room' occupations, watercolour painting was once considered elemental to the education of upper class colonial women. The women artists and their efforts were considered trivial in comparison to the scientific and documentary purposes to which men employed watercolour, as explorers, botanical illustrators, mapmakers and so on.

In the early 1900's Una and Violet Teague, travelled to Hermannsburg in order to teach useful crafts such as watercolour, pokerwork and embroidery to Indigenous women and children at the outback mission so that they might raise funds. Rex Batterbee later instructed Western Arrernte man Albert Namatjira in watercolour painting at Hermannsburg. Although once delegated to the realm of 'kitsch', Namatjira is now accredited as a founder of the contemporary indigenous art movement.

This exhibition traces the legacy of otherness and the imprint of early watercolourists through to artworks by contemporary women artists, including the potters at Hermannsburg. The artworks acknowledge the unique qualities, significance and influence of watercolour.

Artists

Bianca Beetson

Megan Cope

Haley Coultard

Irene Mbitjana Entata

Clara Ngala Inkamala

Judith Pungkarta Inkamala

Svenja Kratz

Sonja Peters

Dawn Ngala Wheeler

Zoe Porter

Penca Rafiqi

Lindy Panangka Rontji

Luisa Rossitto

Rona Panangka Rununtja

Caitlin Sheedy

Rahel Kngwarria Ungwanaka

Carolyn V Watson

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