

ANGELINA PWERLE

Born 1946 (previously noted as c.1952), Angelina Pwerle lives and works in Ngkawenyerre, Utopia, Northern Territory. Like many of the Utopia women artists, Angelina began producing work with the Indonesian technique of batik in 1986. Not long after, canvas and acrylic paint was introduced to her community and it has largely been in this medium that Angelina has come to national and international prominence.

Angelina's work is predominantly concerned with representations of the bush plum dreaming. This subject matter has been given varied forms of expression, but is most often characterised by intense areas of fine dotting using a clear and refined colour palette.

Her work has been collected by many significant public and private collections including the Holmes à Court Collection, the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria, Art Gallery of South Australia and the National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2008 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2006 The Holmes à Court Gallery, Perth
- 2005 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2001 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
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- 1997 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 1996 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 *E(merge): two spiritualities*, Space Station Art Space, Beijing and Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2010 *Desert Country*, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide and touring Korea International Art Fair, COEX Korea Exhibition Centre, Seoul, Korea
27th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
- 2009 *26th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
Blue Chip XI: The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2008 *Blue Chip X: The Collectors' Exhibition*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2007 *Cuisine and Country: a gastronomic venture in Australian art*, Orange Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2004 *Melbourne Art Fair 2004*, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2002 *Indecorous Abstraction: Contemporary Women Painters*, Light Square Gallery, Adelaide
Melbourne Art Fair 2002, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2001 *Spirituality and Australian Aboriginal Art*, Madrid and touring regional Spain
Dreamtime, Sammlung Essl, Vienna, Austria
- 2000 *Not the Done Thing!*, Niagara Galleries, Sydney
- 1999 *Blue Chip II: The Collectors' Exhibition*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 1998 *Sixth Australian Contemporary Art Fair*, Melbourne
- 1997 *14th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award*, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
28th Alice Prize, Araluen Centre for Arts & Entertainment, Alice Springs
- 1996 *Painted People: Sculpture from Utopia*, Utopia Art, Sydney
Fifth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne
- 1994 *This Land*, Utopia Art, Sydney

- 1993 *The Oval Board Collection*, Bishop Museum, Hawaii;
Wadsworth Athenaeum, Connecticut; Tampa Museum of Art, Florida, USA
Utopia Women, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
Camp Scenes, Utopia Art, Sydney
Utopia Sculpture, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 1992 *Bubbles, Baubles & Beads*, Utopia Art, Sydney
Aboriginal Painting, Austral Gallery, St. Louis, USA
Little Friends, Utopia Art, Sydney
- 1991 *Long Hot Summer*, Utopia Art, Sydney
Utopia, Utopia Art, Sydney
Men and Dogs, Utopia Art, Sydney
- 1990 *The Last Show*, Utopia Art, Sydney
Art from Utopia, Orange Regional Gallery, New South Wales
Second Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Melbourne
- 1989 *Twelve Men and an Echidna*, Utopia Art, Sydney
Utopia Batik, Araluen Centre for Arts & Entertainment, Alice Springs
- 1989 *Aboriginal Art Now*, New England Regional Art Museum, New South Wales
- 1977–88 Exhibited with Utopia women artists in Australia and abroad

COLLECTIONS

Allen, Allen and Hemsley Collection, Sydney
ANZ Bank, Melbourne
Art Gallery of Ballarat, Victoria
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Artbank, Sydney
Benalla Regional Art Gallery, Victoria
Commonwealth Law Courts, Melbourne
Holmes à Court Collection, Perth
Kerry Stokes Collection, Perth
Latrobe University Collection, Melbourne
Mansion Hotel, Melbourne
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland
Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney
Sir Elton John Collection
TarraWarra Museum of Art, Victoria
The Holmes à Court Collection, Perth
The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan

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Colin and Elizabeth Laverty, *Beyond Sacred*, Hardie Grant Books, Melbourne, 2008
Jeff Makin, 'Point of inspiration', *Herald Sun*, 29 January 2008
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Ric Spencer, 'Seeing is believing', *The Weekend Australian*, 30 December 2006
Ric Spencer, 'A sumptuous spectacle', *The West Australian*, 18 November 2006
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Jeff Makin, 'The many hues of blue', *Herald Sun*, 10 March 2003
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Stephanie Radok, 'As if: Indecorous Abstraction: contemporary women painters', *The Adelaide Review*, September, 2002
Julian Lloyd, 'Investment dreaming', *Enroute*, Issue 3, 2002
Laura Murray Cree, *Awesome! Australian Art for Contemporary Kids*, Craftsman House, Sydney, 2002
Dreamtime, Sammlung Essl, Vienna, Austria, 2001
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