



KARLA DICKENS

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Mixed media

Dimensions variable

Polyptych—24 pieces [12 Captain Cook whisky bottles and 12 capped (hatted) beer bottles]

\$22,000



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KARLA DICKENS

Born 1967, Sydney

Heritage Wiradjuri

EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Fine Arts, National Art School, Sydney

1993 Diploma of Fine Arts, National Art School, Sydney

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 *Black Dogs, Love and Crutches*, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane

2012 *Field and Game*, The Hughes Gallery, Sydney

2011 *Home is Where the Rabbits Live*, Firstdraft, Sydney

2010 *The Black Madonna*, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney; Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales

Beloved Mother, Dacou, Alstonville, New South Wales

2009 *In Loving Memory I Found the Black Madonna*, Museum of Brisbane, Queensland

2008 *Karla Dickens*, Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney

Loving Memory, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales

2005 *Home*, Next Contemporary Art Space, Southern Cross University, Lismore, New South Wales

2004 *Our Lady of Triana*, Black Fellas Dreaming, Sydney

Urban Aboriginals, Black Fellas Dreaming, Bangalow, New South Wales

2003 *Love, Luck & Lust*, A-Space on Cleveland, Sydney

2002 *Sheilas Downunder*, Pine Street Gallery, Sydney

2001 *Unwind*, A-Space on Cleveland, Sydney

2000 *Now Nowhere Here*, DQ Gallery, Sydney

1998 *Cross Works*, Guardella, Italy,

No Limits, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney

JOINT EXHIBITIONS

2014 *The Honey and the Bunny* (with Monica Oppens), Southern Cross University Library, Lismore, New South Wales

2011 *Mother of All* (with Ishta Wilson), Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, New South Wales

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015 *Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2015*, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

Bungaree's Farm, The Tanks/Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney

Blak Nite Screen 2015, City of Melbourne, Treasury Gardens, Melbourne

Cementa 15: Biennial Contemporary Arts Festival, Kandos, New South Wales

2014 *TarraWarra Biennial 2014: Whisper in My Mask*, TarraWarra Museum of Art, Healesville, Victoria

- 2013 *Hereby Make Protest*, Carriageworks, Sydney
The Art of Sound, Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales
The Native Institute, Blacktown Arts Centre, New South Wales
Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize, Parliament House, Sydney
- 2012–15 *Bungaree: The First Australian*, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney; Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, New South Wales; The Glasshouse, Port Macquarie, New South Wales
- 2012 *Home*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Feminage: The Logic of Feminist Collage, The Cross Art Projects, Sydney
- 2011 *People We Know—Places We've Been*, Goulburn Regional Gallery, New South Wales
Thank you for the days: My Teenage Years, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales
Pink Sunrise, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Sydney
Freedom Riders, University Art Gallery, The University of Sydney, New South Wales
Fairytales in Fairyland, Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton, New South Wales
- 2010 *Safari: Biennale of Sydney Fringe*, MOP, Sydney
Parliament of New South Wales Indigenous Art Award, Parliament House, Sydney
Articles of Interest, SCI Next Art Gallery, Lismore, New South Wales
Lest We Forget, Dacou, Alstonville, New South Wales
- 2009 *Parliament of New South Wales Indigenous Art Award*, Parliament House, Sydney (touring New South Wales regional galleries)
Connections, NPWS Art, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, New South Wales
- 2008 *Messages of Peace*, Gallery XX, Settembre, Italy
Fisher's Ghost Art Award, Campbelltown City Art Centre, New South Wales
Confidential Business Project, Casula Powerhouse, Sydney
Australian Values, Next Art Gallery, Southern Cross University, Lismore, New South Wales
Premier State, Campbelltown City Art Centre, New South Wales
Identity, Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales
The Year of the Apology, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, New South Wales
- 2007 *Parliament of New South Wales Indigenous Art Award*, Parliament House, Sydney (touring New South Wales regional galleries)
Past, Present, Future, Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales
3 in 10, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Sydney
- 2006 *Chrysalis: The Emergence of Northern Rivers Artists*, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales
The Pink, The Black and the Beautiful, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Sydney
Our Spirit Our Country, Bungjalung Art Award, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales

- 2005 *Group of Eleven Artists—NAIDOC Week*, Waverley Library, Sydney
- 2004 *Nice Coloured Dolls*, 24HR Art Northern Territory Centre for Contemporary Art, Darwin
- 2003 *Hung, Drawn and Quartered*, Tin Sheds Gallery, University of Sydney, New South Wales
- 2001 *Aboriginal Ways of Knowing*, Macy Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA
- 1999 *Perspecta: Love Magic*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- Arone Meeks & Co.*, Cooe Aboriginal Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 *National Indigenous Heritage Art Award*, Old Parliament House, Canberra
- Co-existence—Sorry*, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney
- 1997 *Stars on the Net*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 1996 *Never the Less*, John Paynter Gallery, Newcastle, New South Wales
- 1995 *Portia Geach Memorial Award*, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 1994 *Festival of Fisher's Ghost*, Campbelltown City Art Gallery, New South Wales
- Recognising the Republic*, Michael Nagy Fine Art Gallery, Sydney

AWARDS

- 2013 Winner, *New South Wales Parliament Art Prize*, NSW Parliament, Sydney
- 2009 Runner-up, *NPWS Northern Rivers Region Aboriginal Art Award*, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, New South Wales
- 2007 Winner, *NPWS Northern Rivers Region Aboriginal Art Award*, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina, New South Wales
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O'Riordan, Maurice. 'In My Painting, At My Window', *Karla Dickens: Loving Memory* [ex. cat.], Lismore Regional Gallery, 2008

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COLLECTIONS

National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Black Fellas Dreaming Museum, Sydney

Campbelltown City Art Centre, New South Wales

Grafton Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales

Lismore Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales

University of Technology, Sydney

UBS Warburg Collection, Sydney

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