

# OTTOCHIE ASHOONA



**BASKING SEAL (C. LATE 1960S)**  
**SERPENTINE**

**INUIT**  
**CAPE DORSET, NUNAVUT TERRITORY, CANADA**  
**1942-1970**















## **OTTOCHIE ASHOONA (OTTACHIE)**

Born: 1942 Male E71105

Died: 1970

Resides: Cape Dorset

Sculpture, Drawings

Ottochie was the youngest son of well known graphic artist Pitseolak Ashoona. His brothers Namoonai, Qaqaq, Koomwartok and Kiawak Ashoona, as well as his sister Napatchie Pootoogook (married to the printmaker Eegyvuudluk Pootoogook) are all accomplished Cape Dorset artists. His wife Tumira is also a graphic artist now living in Iqaluit.

### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

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| 1975                       | <b>Cape Dorset - Selected Sculpture from the Collection of the Winnipeg Art Gallery</b><br>Winnipeg Art Gallery<br>Winnipeg, Manitoba<br>(illustrated catalogue)                               |
| November 1976              | <b>Hunters of Old</b><br>Inukshuk Galleries Inc.<br>Waterloo, Ontario  |
| January - March 1980       | <b>Cape Dorset</b><br>Winnipeg Art Gallery<br>Winnipeg, Manitoba<br>(illustrated catalogue)  |
| February 1984 - June 1986  | <b>Arctic Vision: Art of the Canadian Inuit</b><br>Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Canadian Arctic Producers<br>Ottawa, Ontario<br>(tour)<br>(illustrated catalogue) |
| March - May 1985           | <b>Uumajut: Animal Imagery in Inuit Art</b><br>Winnipeg Art Gallery<br>Winnipeg, Manitoba<br>(illustrated catalogue)   |
| November 1988 - April 1989 | <b>Night Spirits: Cape Dorset 1960-1965</b><br>Winnipeg Art Gallery<br>Winnipeg, Manitoba  |
| November 1988              | <b>Echoes of the Drum</b><br>Gallery of the Arctic<br>Victoria, British Columbia<br>(illustrated catalogue)  |

- June 1990 - July 1992      **The First Passionate Collector: The Ian Lindsay Collection of Inuit Art**  
Winnipeg Art Gallery  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
(tour)  
(illustrated catalogue)
- January 1991      **Bears of the North**  
Snow Goose Associates  
Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.
- May - August 1992      **Arctic Wildlife: The Art of the Inuit**  
Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal  
Montréal, Québec
- March - June 1993      **Strange Scenes: Early Cape Dorset Drawings**  
McMichael Canadian Collection  
Kleinberg, Ontario
- November - December 1994      **Small Sculptures by Great Artists III**  
Feheley Fine Arts  
Toronto, Ontario
- June 1995      **Cape Dorset Engravings and Etchings from the Sixties**  
Arctic Artistry  
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, U.S.A.

## COLLECTIONS

Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, U.S.A.  
Canadian Guild of Crafts Québec, Montréal, Québec  
Dennos Museum Center, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, Michigan, U.S.A.  
Mark Osterlin Library, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, Michigan, U.S.A.  
McMaster University Art Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario  
Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, Montréal, Québec  
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta  
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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