

## GEORGE TJUNGURRAYI – PINTUPI

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George Tjungurrayi was born in the desert in the vicinity of Kiwirrkura in approximately 1943 and is the younger brother of Naata Nungurrayi. George walked into Papunya with another young man along a freshly graded road, after living at Mukula, west of Kiwirrkura. He commenced painting for Papunya Tula Artists in the early 1980s. George lives and works in Kintore, Northern Territory.

### Awards

2010 Highly commended, '27<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT

### Solo Exhibitions

2018 'George Tjungurrayi: Major Works', Utopia Art Sydney NSW  
2016 'Paintings', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2013 'Pulka Canvasa', Utopia Art Sydney at The Depot Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
2011 'Space & Place', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2008 'Between the Lines', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2003 'Paintings from Mamultjulkulnga and Kirimalunya', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
'Unforeseen 1989 to 2002', Fire-Works Gallery, QLD  
2002 'New Fields', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
1998 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
1997 'George Tjungurrayi - first solo show', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2020 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
'Desert Painters of Australia', Gagosian Hong Kong  
2019 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
'Celebrating Australian Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Desert Painters of Australia: Works from the Kluge-Ruhe Collection and the Collection of Steve Martin and Anne Stringfield', Gagosian New York, USA, Gagosian LA, USA  
'Sydney Contemporary 2019', Carriageworks, NSW  
'Community X', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2018 'Superposition: Equilibrium and Engagement, 21st Biennale of Sydney', Carriageworks, NSW  
'Community IX', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2017 'MASTERS', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Sydney Contemporary 2017, Carriageworks, NSW  
'Museum III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Alternative Museum', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Duddell's x Biennale of Sydney. Abstraction of the World', Hong Kong, curated by Mami Kataoka  
'Salon de Refusé', S H Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
'Community VIII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2016 'The Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
'Landstract Abscape', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Cornucopia', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Collectible', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'The Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW  
'Sydney Contemporary 2015', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW  
2014 'Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'The Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
'Sublime Point: The Landscape in Painting', Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, NSW  
'Community VI', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
2013 'The Salon', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'No Boundaries', Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre, VIC  
'LANDSCAPE', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
2012 'Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Volume One: MCA Collection', Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW  
'Classic Works from Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
'Ancestral Modern: Australian Aboriginal Art from the Kaplan & Levi Collection', Seattle Art Museum, USA

- 'Interconnected', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Repertoire', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Community IV: Celebrating Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Unique Perspectives: Papunya Tula Artists and the Alice Springs Community', Araluen Arts Centre, NT
- 2011 'AAA – Australian Abstract Art', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 '40 years of Papunya Tula Art', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Pintupi Art 2011', A P Bond Gallery, Adelaide, SA  
 'Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2010 'Museum III' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'PTA NOW', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Melbourne Art Fair 2010', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Desert Country', Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA  
 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', ReDot Gallery, Singapore.  
 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT  
 '27<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT  
 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT  
 'Aboriginal Art 2010', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Tradition & Innovation – Papunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2009 'Nganana Tjungurrayi Tjukurrpa Nintintjakitja: We are Here Sharing our Dreaming', East Galleries, NY  
 'Papunya Tula Classics', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Papunya 2009', Senior Pintupi Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, Australia  
 'Painting the Country', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT  
 '26<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT  
 'Togart Contemporary Art Award', Darwin, NT  
 'Pintupi 2009', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Nganampatju Kanpatja Winki, Nganampatju Yara Winkii – All Our Paintings, All Our Stories', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 'Ngurra Yuru Kulintjaku – Always Remembering Country', CCAE, Darwin, NT  
 'David Larwill and the Western Desert Artists', Stephan Wiess Studio, New York, USA  
 'Togart Contemporary Art Award' Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT  
 'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', Convention Centre, Darwin, NT  
 'Aboriginal Art 2008', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'The Desert Mob Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 '20 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Pintupi Art 2008', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Kintore to Kiwirrkura – Papunya Tula Artists', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore  
 Togart Contemporary Art Award, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 'The Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
 'Big Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Group Show', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
 'Papunya Tula 2007', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Aboriginal Art 2007', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 24<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT  
 'Recent Paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT  
 'Pintupi Art 2007', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 'A Particular Collection' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Well Represented' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Papunya Tula Artists – Recent Paintings' Harriet Place, Darwin, NT  
 'The Desert Mob Art Show' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Pintupi Art 2006' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Melbourne Art Fair 2006' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Western Desert Satellites' Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA  
 'PTA' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'across the board' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Aboriginal Art 2006', Scott Livesey Gallery, Melbourne, VIC  
 34<sup>th</sup> Alice Prize, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Pintupi', Hamiltons Gallery, London, United Kingdom, UK  
 'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore  
 'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Across the Board', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2005 'New Works From The Western Desert' Indigenart, Perth, WA  
 'Pintupi Artists' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Papunya Tula Artists - new work for a new space' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Museum II' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

- 'The Wynne Prize' Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
 'Papunya Tula Artists' Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Aboriginal Art 2005' Scott Livesey Art dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Art 2005' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 2004 'Melbourne Art Fair 2004' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Pintupi Art 2004' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Papunya Tula Artists – 2004' Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'All About Papunya' Chapman Gallery Canberra, ACT  
 'Talking About Abstraction' Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - University of NSW, Sydney,  
 'The Inner And The Outer' Stadtgalerie Bamberg, Villa Dessauer, Bamberg, GERMANY  
 'Aboriginal Art 2004' Scott Livesey Art dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Ma Yungu/Pass It On' Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT  
 'Looking Closely At Country' Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - University of Sydney, NSW  
 'Pintupi Artists' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Mythology & Reality' Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, VIC  
 2003 'The Wynne Prize' Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
 '20<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award' MAGNT, Darwin, NT  
 'Pintupi Art 2003' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Aboriginal Art 2003' Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert' Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK  
 'Pintupi Artists' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 2002 'The Year In Review' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Meridian: Focus on Contemporary Australian Art' Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW  
 'Structures of Difference' Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, USA  
 '2002: The Year in Art' S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
 'Melbourne Art Fair 2002' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Lines II', Fire-Works Gallery, QLD  
 'Next Generation – Aboriginal Art 2002' Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
 'Paintings From Our Country' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Pintupi Artists' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Aboriginal Art 2002', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 2001 'Museum', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Dreamtime: the Dark and the Light' Kunst der Gegenwart, Sammlung Essl, Vienna, GERMANY  
 AMG Gallery, Paris, FRANCE  
 Palm Beach Art Fair, Palm Beach, Florida, USA  
 'Papunya Tula 2001' William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Art of the Pintupi' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA  
 'Kintore, Kiwirrkura' Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Art Aborigene' Musee Olympic, Lausanne, FRANCE  
 'Pintupi Exhibition' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Dreamtime- Contemporary Aboriginal Art' Essl Collection, Vienna, GERMANY  
 'In Concert' Australian Academy of Science, Canberra, ACT  
 '31<sup>st</sup> Alice Springs Art Prize' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Aborigena' Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, ITALY  
 2000 'Melbourne Art Fair 2000' Royal Exhibition Hall, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Papunya Tula Artists NOW' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Papunya Tula: Genesis and Genius' Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW  
 'Lines' Fire-Works Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
 'Landscape' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Aboriginal Art Select Works' Kozminsky Gallery and Fine Art Dealers, Melbourne, VIC  
 'Aboriginal Art' Aboriginal Art Gallery Bahr, Speyer, GERMANY  
 'Pintupi Men' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Aboriginal Art 2000', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC  
 1999 'Ab Op' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 'New Horizons 2000' Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 1998 'Sixth Australian Contemporary Art Fair', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 'The Desert Mob Art Show' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Culture Store' Rotterdam, THE NETHERLANDS  
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 1997 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
 1996 'Fifth Australian Contemporary Art Fair' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC  
 C.A.A.A.C.E., Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 'Pintupi Painters' Papunya Tula Artists' Gallery, Alice Springs, NT  
 Museums & Art Galleries of the N.T. Darwin, NT

- Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC  
 (Fringe Festival), Adelaide, SA  
 'Return from the Art Fair' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 1995 Museums & Art Galleries of the N.T. Darwin, NT  
 'Black and White' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 Group Show Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd, Alice Springs, NT  
 Groninger Museum, THE NETHERLANDS  
 'The Pintupi' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW  
 'Pintupi Artists' Papunya Tula Artists Alice Springs, NT  
 Chapman Gallery, Manuka, Canberra, ACT
- 1994 Galerie Australis, Adelaide, SA  
 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, QLD
- 1993 Chapman Gallery, Manuka, Canberra, ACT
- 1992 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, QLD
- 1990 Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT

## **Collections**

Artbank  
 Art Gallery of New South Wales  
 Art Gallery of South Australia  
 Art Gallery of Western Australia  
 Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
 Groninger Museum, The Netherlands  
 Kunstwerk Sammlung, Alison & Peter Klein Collection  
 Musee des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie, Paris,  
 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory  
 Museum of Contemporary Art Australia  
 National Gallery of Australia  
 National Gallery of Victoria  
 Parliament House Art Collection  
 Queensland Art Gallery  
 Robert Holmes a Court Collection  
 Sammlung Essl, Germany  
 Seattle Art Museum, USA  
 Supreme Court of the Northern Territory  
 Kluge- Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, University of Virginia, USA

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- Droombeelden, Tjukurrpa Exhibition catalogue, Groninger Museum, The Netherlands, 1995.
- Corbally Stourton, P. 'Songlines and Dreamings', Lund Humphries Publishers, London, 1996.
- 'Nangara' exhibition catalogue, The Aboriginal Gallery of Dreamings, Melbourne, 1996.
- 'Papunya Tula: Genesis and Genius' exhibition cat., Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney 2000
- Kirsty McHarg 'Aboriginal Art Select Works' exhibition catalogue, Kozminsky Gallery, Melbourne 2000
- Elizabeth Bahr 'The Unseen in Scene' exh. cat., Aboriginal Art Galerie Bahr, Speyer, Germany 2000
- Achille Bonito Oliva 'Aborigena' exhibition catalogue, Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy 2001
- Sammlung Essl 'Dreamtime – Contemporary Aboriginal Art' exhi cat., Essl Collection, Vienna, Austria, 2001
- 'Art Aborigene' exhibition catalogue, Musee Olympic, Lausanne, France, 2001
- Achille Bonito Oliva 'Aborigena' exhibition catalogue, Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy, 2001
- Webb, Kent & Storer, 'Meridian: focus on contemporary Australian art', exh cat, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW, 2002
- Scott Livesey, 'Aboriginal Art 2002' exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria
- Scott Livesey, 'Aboriginal Art 2003' exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria
- Scott Livesey, 'Masterpieces From The Western desert' exh. cat., London, United Kingdom, 2003
- Top 50 of Australia's Most Collectable Artists in Australian Art Collector Issue 23, January – March, 2003
- POL Oxygen Magazine, issue nine, June, 2004
- Heide Museum of Modern Art 'Mythology & Reality', exh. cat., 2004, Melbourne, Victoria
- Scott Livesey, 'Aboriginal Art 2004', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC
- Scott Livesey 'Aboriginal Art 2005' exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria
- Aboriginal Art 2006' exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria
- Hamiltons Gallery 'Pintupi' exhibition catalogue, London, United Kingdom, 2006
- TogArt Contemporary Art Award, exhibition catalogue, Darwin, NT, 2008
- K McGregor, 'David Larwill and the Western Desert Artists', exh catalogue, Stephen Wies Studio, New York, USA, 2008
- 'Current – contemporary art from Australia and New Zealand', edited by Art & Australia, publ. by Dott, 2008
- Scott Livesey Galleries, 'Aboriginal Art 2008', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC
- Johnson, V. 'Lives of the Papunya Tula Artists', I.A.D. Press, Alice Springs, NT, 2008
- 'Between the Lines', exhibition catalogue, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW, 2008
- Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Ngurra yuru kulintjaku – Always remembering country', exhibition cat.
- Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Painting the Country', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, NT.
- Papunya Tula Artists, 'Nganana Tjungurringanyi Tjukurrpa Nintintjakitja – We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming', exh cat, New York, USA, 2009.
- Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2010', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', exh cat, Darwin, NT 2010.
- ReDot Gallery, 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', exh. cat., Singapore, 2010.
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