

PAYU NAPALTJARRI - PINTUPI

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Payu was born at Karilwarra rockhole west of the Pollock Hills, circa 1952. She was married to Freddy West Tjakamarra, who was one of the founding members of Papunya Tula Artists, and lived for the early part of her life in the vicinity of Kiwirrkura. In 1963 Payu and her family were met by a welfare patrolled by Jeremy Long and Nosepeg Tjupurrula at Wili rockhole east of Kintore. This event is documented in 'The Lizard Eaters' by Douglas Lockwood. As a result of this meeting her family moved to Papunya and lived on the western fringes of the community with other Pintupi speakers. She then spent time in both Kintore and Balgo, giving birth to five sons and one daughter, before settling in Kiwirrkura, where she currently resides. In 1999 Payu contributed to the Kiwirrkura women's' painting as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 'Community XI', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2019 'Sydney Contemporary 2019', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
- 2018 'Sydney Contemporary 2018', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
'Community IX', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2016 'The Last Hurrah', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2011 'Papunya Tula Women's Art', Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2010 'Ngurrakutu – Going Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2009 'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Tjukurpa Palurukutu, Kutjupawana Palyantjanya – Same Stories, A New Way', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 'Papunya Tula', Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
'Kiwirrkura Women, Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2006 'Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2005 'Aboriginal Art of the Australian Desert', Anima Mundi Gallery, Lyons, Colorado, USA
'Papunya Tula - The Next Generation', Walkabout Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2002 'Saluting Papunya', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT

Selected Bibliography

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