

TJUNKIYA NAPALTJARRI - PINTUPI c 1930 - 2009

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c.1928 - 2009

Tjunkiya Napaltjarri's striking paintings reveal forms as colour is scratched away from the surface – a method unique amongst Papunya Tula Artists, and shared only by Johnny Yungut Tjupurrula. Tjunkiya began painting for Papunya Tula Artists in the late 1990s. Until 2004, Tjunkiya painted with her sister Wintjiya Napaltjarri at the Papunya Tula Artists shed in Kintore but from 2004 until her death in 2009, she painted from her home: the widow's camp outside her 'son' Turkey Tolson Tjupurrula's former residence. There have been a number of solo exhibitions of Tjunkiya's paintings and her work can be found in national and international collections including the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the National Gallery of Australia and the Musee du Quai Branly in Paris.

Solo Exhibitions

2008 'a new way', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney NSW

2004 'Umari and Other Places', The Depot Gallery (in association with Utopia Art Sydney), Sydney,

2000 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021 'Papunya Tula: 50 Years', S H Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW

2018 'Community IX', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

2017 'Community VIII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

2013 'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

2012 'Kunga: Les Femmes de Loi du Desert (Law Women From the Desert)', the collection of Arnaud et Berengere Serval, Galerie Carry On / Art Aborigene, Geneva

'Classic Works from Papunya Tula Artists', 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 'Papunya Tula Women's Art', Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW

'40 years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

'Papunya Tula Artists: Paintings from the Western Desert', Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, VIC

2010 'Papunya Tula Artists – Community' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging to One Country', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore

Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT

'Tradition & Innovation – Papunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC

'Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, ACT

2009 '5th Annual Shalom Gamarada Aboriginal Art Exhibition', Shalom College UNSW, NSW

'Six Hands' Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney NSW

'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

'Painting the Country', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT, Australia

'Nganana Tjungurriingayi Tjukurpa Nintintjakitja – We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming', 80

Washington Square East Galleries, New York, USA

2008 'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC

'Melbourne Art Fair 2008' Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne VIC

'Virtuosity: The Evolution of Painting at Papunya Tula', The Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA

'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', Convention Theatre, Darwin, NT

'Pairs of Paintings', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

'The Other Thing – a survey show', Charles Darwin University Art Collection, Darwin, NT

'Markangkku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka – Making Strong Paintings At Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT, Australia

2007 'Turning 20' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

'Pots of Paint', The Delmar Gallery, Sydney, NSW

'Papunya Tula 2007', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC

'Papunya Tula', Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA

- 'Gifted: Contemporary Aboriginal Art, The Mollie Gowing Acquisition Fund', AGNSW, Sydney
- 'Papunya Tula Women', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Master Works from Papunya Tula', Birrung Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 'Recent Paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange', Darwin, NT
- 'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'The Big Picture', Delmar Gallery, Trinity Grammar School, Sydney, NSW
- 'Across the board', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Papunya Tula Artists 2006', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Papunya Tula Artists – Recent Paintings', Harriet Place, Darwin, NT
- 'Pintupi Art 2006' Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 'Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 'Pintupi Show', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Papunya Tula Artists - new work for a new space', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'New Ideas 2005', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Two Sisters', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Pintupi Women', Indigenart, Perth, WA
- 'The Desert Mob Art Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Pintup Art 2005', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Strong and Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 'New Works From The Western Desert', Indigenart, WA
- 2004 'Papunya Tula – Selected paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Kuniya Pilkati', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pintupi Art 2004', Tony Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Works from Kintore & Kiwirrkura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Papunya Tula Artists – 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Ma Yungu/ Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 'Melbourne Art Fair 2004', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
- 33rd Alice Prize, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2003 'Pintupi Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Papunya Tula Masters', The Depot Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- '20th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', The Museum & Art Gallery of NT
- 'Recent Paintings By The Women Artists Of Kintore And Kiwirrkura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melb, VIC
- 'Aboriginal Art 2003', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pintupi Art From the Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
- 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK
- 'Papunya Tula Artists – A Gift from the Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2002 'Next Generation - Aboriginal Art 2002', Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 'The Year In Review', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Paintings From Our Country', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Academy of Arts, University of Tasmania
- 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, QLD
- 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Brisbane City Gallery, QLD
- William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
- 'Art Born of the Western Desert', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 'Saluting Papunya', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2001 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Papunya Tula Women', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Two Sisters: Tjunkiya & Wintjiya Napaltjarri', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'A Way Through' the Sue and Ian Bernadt Collection, Aboriginal paintings by women artists, Central Tafe Art Gallery, Northbridge, WA
- 'Twenty Five Years and Beyond' - Papunya Tula Painting', The Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Papunya Tula 30th Anniversary Exhibition', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- Indigenart, Subiaco, WA

- 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 '31st Alice Prize', Araluen Art Centre, NT
 'Size Doesn't Matter', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 'Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Galeria r, Poznan City Gallery, Poland
 2000 Papunya Tula 'Genesis and Genius', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
 Utopia Art, Sydney, NSW
 'Encore', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Women', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 1999 Utopia Art, Sydney, NSW
 Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, SA
 N.T Art Award, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, New Horizons 2000, Melbourne, VIC
 1998 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 1997 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 1996 Heritage Art Award, Canberra, ACT
 'Dots' National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd. Alice Springs, NT
 Museums & Art Galleries of the NT Darwin, NT
 Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 C.A.A.A.C.E., Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
 1995 Haasts Bluff/Kintore Project. Tandanya, Adelaide, SA

Collections

Museums & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
 Supreme Court Collection, Darwin
 National Gallery of Victoria
 Campbelltown City Art Gallery
 Araluen Art Centre
 Art Gallery of New South Wales
 Artbank
 National Gallery of Australia
 Aboriginal Art Museum, The Netherlands
 Kunst Der Aborigines
 Musee du Quai Branly, France
 Griffith University Art Collection, Brisbane, QLD

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 Isaacs, J. Spirit Country, Contemporary Australian Aboriginal Art, Hardie Grant Books, 1999.
 Papunya Tula Genesis and Genius, exhibition catalogue, Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2000.
 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2001', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC.
 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2003', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC.
 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Masterpieces from the Western Desert', exhibition catalogue, London UK, 2003.
 Nicolas Rothwell, The Australian, 'Landscape of Feeling' 29th April, 2008
 Utopia Art Sydney, 'Tjunkiya Napaltjarri – a new way', exhibition catalogue, 2008
 National Library of Australia, 'Across The Desert – aboriginal batik from Central Australia', Judith Ryan.
 Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Painting the Country', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, NT, 2009.
 Papunya Tula Artists, 'Nganana Tjungurringanyi Tjukurrpa Nintintjakita – We Are here Sharing Our Dreaming', exhibition catalogue, New York, USA, 2009.
 Red Dot Gallery, 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging to One Country', exhibition catalogue, Singapore, 2010.
 'Kunga: Les Femmes de Loi du Desert (Law Women From the Desert)', the collection of Arnaud et Berengere Servat, exhibition catalogue, Galerie Carry On / Art Aborigene, Geneva, March 2012