

WINTJIYA NAPALTJARRI - PINTUPI

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c. 1933 - 2014

Wintjiya Napaltjarri's paintings have an emphasis on stark design elements and a restricted palette. She paints in the direct sunlight, as evidenced by the thickness of the paint and the sheen of its surface. Wintjiya Napaltjarri first began painting when she participated in the Kintore/Haasts Bluff joint project in the mid 1990s. Until 2004, Wintjiya painted with her sister Tjunkiya Napaltjarri at the Papunya Tula Artists shed in Kintore but since then she has painted from her home: the widow's camp outside her 'son' Turkey Tolson's former residence. Wintjiya has been in many group exhibitions and a number of solo exhibitions, as well as having work in major collections including the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the National Gallery of Victoria and the Aboriginal Art Museum in The Netherlands.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2010 'Wintjiya Napaltjarri', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 2008 'Wintjiya Napaltjarri', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 2006 'Wintjiya Napaltjarri', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 2005 Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2016-18 'Marking the Infinite', Frost Art Museum, Miami; Nevada Museum of Art, Reno; Newcomb Art Museum, New Orleans; The Phillips Collection, Washington DC; and Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver.
- 2017 'Who's Afraid of Colour', NGV, Melbourne
- 2013 'The Salon', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards, Art Gallery of Western Australia
'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'No Boundaries', Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre, VIC
- 2012 '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
'Freemantle Arts Centre Print Award 2011', Freemantle, WA
'Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2010 'Papunya Tula Artists – Community' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
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
'Small Paintings', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Nyakalu Kanyini Piintapalyalpayi Kamu Walytja Tjanampa Lurtju – Caring for Artists and Their Families', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2009 'Six Hands' Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney NSW
'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', The Chan Building, Bennett Park, Darwin, NT
'Painting the Country', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
'The 23 Annual Packsaddle Selling Exhibition', New England Regional Art Museum, NSW
'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Desert Mob 2009', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT, Australia
'Tjukurra Palurukutu, Kutjupawana Palyantjanya – Same Stories, A New Way', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Nganampatju Kanpatja Winki, Nganampatju Yara Winkii – All Our Paintings, All Our Stories', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 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', Darwin Convention Centre, NT
- 'Aboriginal Art 2008', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pairs of Paintings', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Marrkangku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka – Making Strong Paintings At Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Group Show', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007 'Gifted: Contemporary Aboriginal Art, the Mollie Gowing Acquisition Fund", Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
- 'Papunya Tula Women', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Group Show', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Aboriginal Art 2007', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 'The Black and White Show', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 'Pintupi Art 2007', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia
- 'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'across the board', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Narratives Preceding All Memory', Burg Vischering, Luedinghausen, Germany
- 'Yawulyuru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Papunya Tula Artists 2006', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Aboriginal Art 2006', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 2005 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Two Sisters', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Strong and Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pintupi Women', Indigenart, Perth, WA
- 2004 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Kuniya Pilkati', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Works from Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Papunya Tula Artists – 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'All About Papunya', Chapman Gallery Canberra, ACT
- 'Ma Yungu/Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 'The Desert Mob Art Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2003 'Recent Paintings by The Women of Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
- 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Christmas Gift Exhibition', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2002 'Twenty Five Years and Beyond – Papunya Tula Painting', Academy of the Arts, University of Tasmania, TAS
- '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
- 'Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
- 'Art Born Of The Western Desert', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2001 'Two Sisters: Tjunkiya and Wintjiya Napaltjarri', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- Palm Beach Art Fair, Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- Art House Gallery, Sydney
- 'Art of The Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Twenty Five Years and Beyond – Papunya Tula Painting', Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Vic
- 'Dreamscapes – Contemporary Desert Art', Mostings Hus, Frederiksberg, Denmark
- Indigenart, Subiaco, WA

- 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tlau Artists, Alice Springs, NT
Flinders University Art Museum, Bedford Park, SA
- 2000 Papunya Tula 'Genesis and Genius', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Pintupi Women', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 1999 'New paintings from the Kintore Women', 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
- 1997 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 1996 Heritage Art Award, Canberra, ACT
'Dots', National Gallery of Victoria, VIC
CAAACE, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
Museums & Art Galleries of the Northern Territory, NT
Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd, Alice Springs, NT
'Papunya Women', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 1995 Haasts Bluff/Kintore Project, Tandanya, Adelaide, SA

Collections

Museums & Art Gallery of the NT
Supreme Court Collection, Darwin, NT
National Gallery of Victoria
Campbelltown City Art Gallery
Araluen Art Centre
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Artbank
Aboriginal Art Museum, The Netherlands

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Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'painting the Country', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, NT, 2009.
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