

Joseph Jurra Tjapaltjarri - Pintupi

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Joseph Jurra Tjapaltjarri was born in approximately 1952 in the desert near where the community of Kiwirrkura, Western Australia now stands. He commenced painting for Papunya Tula Artists in 1986 and had his first solo exhibition just two years later at Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi in Melbourne. In 1997 Joseph travelled with Turkey Tolson Tjupurrula to Paris to attend the exhibition 'Peintres Aborigenes d'Australie' at the Grande Halle de la Vilette, on the outskirts of Paris. Over the course of a week Joseph and Turkey constructed two sand paintings that became a main feature of the exhibition. In 1999 Joseph contributed to the Kintore mens' painting as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal. In 2009 he travelled with Ray James Tjangala and Bobby West Tjupurrula to the Herbert F Johnson Museum of art at Cornell University in New York to construct a sand painting, this time as part of the exhibition 'Icons Of The Desert – Early Aboriginal Paintings from Papunya'. Joseph lives in Kiwirrkura with this wife Mary, their children and grandchildren.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2008 Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 1995 Savode Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 1988 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 'Papunya Tula: 50 Years 1971 – 2021' S.H. Ervin Gallery, NSW
'Irrititja Kuwarri Tjungu (Past & Present Together): 50 Years Of Papunya Tula Artists', Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, University Of Virginia, USA
'Papunya Tula – Fifty Years' Harvey Art Projects, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
'Highlights from Sammlung Klein', Michael Reid Berlin, Germany
- 2020 'Community XI', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2019 'Sydney Contemporary 2019', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
'Community X', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Am Anfang War Das Land - In The Beginning Was The Land', Kunstwerk, Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany.
'Lingkitu Ngalula – Still Strong', Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2018 'Community IX', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2017 'NEW the latest from Kiwirrkurra', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Community VIII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2016 'The Last Hurrah', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2015 'Sydney Contemporary 2015', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2014 'Community VI', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'New Pictures: Aboriginal Painting', Kunstwerk – Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen, GERMANY
- 2013 'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'No Boundaries', Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre, VIC
'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2012 'Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Classic Works from Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Repertoire', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Community IV: Celebrating Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Papunya Tula: Works on Paper', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
'PTA 40th Anniversary Show', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Crossing Cultures' – The Owen and Wagner Collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Art, Hood Museum of Art, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA
- 2011 'AAA – Australian Abstract Art', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'40 years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Pintupi Trails 2011', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, NT
'Aboriginal Art 2011', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC

- 2010 'Papunya Tula Artists – Community' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Museum III' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'The Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
PTA NOW, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Senior Desert Artists', Centred Art, Nundah, QLD
'Melbourne Art Fair 2010', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys to Lake Mackay', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT
'Tradition & Innovation – Paunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria
'Ngurrakutu – Going Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, ACT
'Papunya Tula Artists: Art of the Western Desert', Harvey Art Projects USA, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
- 2009 'Community the heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'5th Annual Shalom Gamarada Aboriginal Art Exhibition', Shalom College UNSW
'Icons of the Desert: Early Aboriginal Paintings from Papunya', Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, New York, USA
'Blue Chip X1 – The Collectors Exhibition', Niagara Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
'Papunya 2009, Senior Pintupi Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Pintupi 2009', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, NT
'Papunya Tula Classics', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Tjukurrpa 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 'Australian Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'New Paintings from Papunya Tula Artists', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'TogArt Contemporary Art Award', Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT
'Aboriginal Art 2008', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
'20 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2007 'Big Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Aboriginal Art 2007', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
'Master Works from Papunya Tula', Birrung Gallery, Sydney, NSW
'Recent Paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
'The Desert Mob Art Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
'Pintupi Art 2007', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
'Pintpupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 'Narratives Preceding All Memory', Burg Vischering, Luedinghausen, Germany
'Papunya Tula Artists 2006', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Pintupi', Hamiltons Gallery, London, UK
'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
'Melbourne Art Fair 2006', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
'Papunya Tula Artists – Recent Paintings', Harriet Place, Darwin, NT
'Pintupi Art 2006', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Australian Aboriginal Art 2006/2007' John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
- 2005 'Papunya Tula Artists - new work for a new space', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
'Papunya Tula - New Paintings from the Kintore Kiwirrkura Region', John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
'Aboriginal Vision In Contemporary Australian Art', Wright Exhibition Space, Seattle, , USA
'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'New Works From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Perth, WA
- 2004 'Mythology & Reality', Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, VIC
'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Melbourne Art Fair 2004', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
'Ma Yungu/Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT

- 21st Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
 'Kuniya Pilkati', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Papunya Tula - Selected Paintings', William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
 'Aboriginal Art 2004', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 2003 'Papunya Tula Artists – A Gift from the Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
 'Papunya Tula - Selected Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 'Ab Op II', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
 'Aboriginal Art 2003', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 'Kintore-Kiwirrkura 2003', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Masterpieces from the Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2002 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Next Generation - Aboriginal Art 2002', Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW
 'Paintings From Our Country', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories', Indigenart, Perth, WA
 'Art Born of the Western Desert', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
 'Spring Exhibition 2002', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 2001 'Museum', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
 '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
 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 'Papunya Tula 30th Anniversary Exhibition', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Aborigena', Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy
- 2000 'Aboriginal Art 2000, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 The 5th National Indigenous Heritage Art Award, Canberra, ACT
 'Pintupi Men', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Spring Exhibition', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
 'Aboriginal Art Select Works', Kozminsky Gallery and Fine Art Dealers, Melbourne, VIC
 'Papunya Tula Genesis and Genius', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
- 1999 'Twenty-Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting'. Flinders University Art Museum, Adelaide, SA
 'New Horizons 2000', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, New Horizons 2000, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 1995 Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA
 Groninger Museum, Groninger, The Netherlands
 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd., Alice Springs, NT
 Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
- 1994 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, QLD
 Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 1993 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, QLD
 Gallerie Australis, Adelaide, SA
 Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, WA
- 1992 Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat, VIC
- 1991 Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
 Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
- 1990 'Peintres Papunya D'Australie', Paris, France
- 1989 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 Centro Cultural Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1988 Expo '88, Brisbane, QLD
 John Weber Gallery, New York City, USA
- 1987 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 1986 Aboriginal Arts Australia, Canberra, ACT

Collections

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Art Gallery of South Australia
Art Gallery of Western Australia
Auckland Art Gallery
National Gallery of Victoria
Queensland Art Gallery and Museum of Art
Griffith University Art Collection
Groninger Museum, The Netherlands
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
Parliament of Australia Collection

Janet Holmes á Court Collection, Perth WA
Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, Germany
Aboriginal Art Museum, The Netherlands
Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
The Kelton Foundation Collection, Australia
Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA.
Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, NH, USA
Harvard Art Museum, Cambridge, Mass, USA
Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio, USA

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Johnson. V. Aboriginal Artists of the Western Desert, A Biographical Dictionary, Craftsman House, NSW, 1994.
Songs of the Earth, Aboriginal Art of Australia, exhibition catalogue, Susquehanna Art Museum, 1995.
Droombeelden, Tjukurpa, exhibition catalogue, Groninger Museum, Groninger, The Netherlands, 1995.
Nangara, exhibition catalogue, The Aboriginal Gallery of Dreamings, Melbourne, 1996.
Mellor D. & Megaw V. Twenty Five Years And Beyond, Papunya Tula Paintings, exhibition catalogue, Flinders Art Museum, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia, Flinders Press, 1999.
Kirsty McHarg, Aboriginal Art Select Works, exhibition catalogue 2000.
Scott Livesey, 'Spring Exhibition' catalogue 2000.
Scott Livesey, 'Aboriginal Art 2000', exhibition catalogue.
The 5th National Indigenous Heritage Art Award, exhibition catalogue, Canberra, ACT, Australia, 2000.
Papunya Tula Genesis and Genius, exhibition catalogue, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia, 2000.
'Aboriginal Art 2001', exhibition catalogue, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 2001.
'Aboriginal Art 2002', exhibition catalogue, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 2002.
Achille Bonito Oliva, 'Aborigena', exhibition catalogue, Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy 2001.
Scott Livesey, 'Spring Exhibition' catalogue 2002.
'Aboriginal Art 2003', exhibition catalogue, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC.
Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Masterpieces of the Western Desert', exhibition catalogue, London, UK.
Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2004', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC
'Mythology & Reality', exhibition catalogue, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, VIC
Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2005', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC Hamiltons Gallery, 'Pintupi', exhibition catalogue, London, UK, 2006.
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Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2011', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, VIC
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