

BOBBY WEST TJUPURRULA - PINTUPI

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Bobby is the son of Freddy West Tjakamarra, one of the original shareholders of Papunya Tula Artists. He was born at the rockhole site of Tjamu Tjamu, which is east of Kiwirrkura around 1958. Bobby's family was met by Jeremy Long's welfare patrol in 1963. At the time his family was camping at Willi rockhole, slightly east of Kintore. Bobby appears with his family in the book 'The Lizard Eaters', by Douglas Lockwood. He commenced painting for Papunya Tula Artists in the late 1980's, and has become an integral part of the company, serving as chairman on several occasions. In 1999 Bobby contributed to the Kiwirrkura mens' paintings as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 Bobby West Tjupurrula & Katarra Butler Napaltjarri, ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
- 2002 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 'Papunya Tula: 50 Years 1971 – 2021' S.H. Ervin Gallery, NSW
'Martupura Tjukurpa - Important Business', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT.
'The Pintupi Lifeline', Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2020 'Community XI', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2019 'Community X', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
- 2018 '35th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2017 'NEW the latest from Kiwirrkura', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Community VIII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2016 'The Last Hurrah', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Aux origines de l'art', Aboriginal Signature – Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium.
'Tjukurrmanu Maru & Tjulkura – Dreaming In Black & White', Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'32nd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT
'Papunya Tula Artists – Indigenous Paintings From Australia's Western Desert', Brumby Ute Gallery, Aspen, Colorado, USA
- 2013 'Crossing Cultures' – The Owen and Wagner Collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Art, Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio, USA.
- 2012 'Ancestral Modern: Australian Aboriginal Art from the Kaplan & Levi Collection', Seattle Art Museum, USA
- 2011 'Pintupi Art 2011', A P Bond Gallery, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
'28th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory,
'Recent Pintupi Works', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory,
- 2010 'Wilkinkarralakutu - Journeys To Lake Mackay', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT.
'Ngurrakutu - Going Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2009 'Icons Of The Desert: Early Aboriginal Paintings From Papunya', Herbert F. Johnson Museum Of Art, Cornell University, New York, USA.
'Prelude', Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT, Australia.
- 2008 'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Pintupi Art 2008', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 2007 'Master Works from Papunya Tula', Birrung Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Land Marks', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2005 'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Papunya Tula – New Paintings From The Kintore and Kiwirrkura Region', John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
'Strong and Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 2004 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT

- 'Aboriginal Art 2004', Scott Livesey Art Dealer', Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Art 2004'. Tony Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Papunya Tula Artists – 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Talking About Abstraction', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, COFA – UNSW, Sydney, NSW
 'Binocular: looking closely at Country', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, COFA – UNSW, Sydney
 2003 'Papunya Tula Masters', The Depot Gallery, Sydney, NSW
 'Pintupi Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Kintore-Kiwirrkura 2003', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
 'Papunya Tula Artists – A Gift from the Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 2002 'Painting From Our Country', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 19th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists', Alice Springs, NT
 2001 'Papunya Tula 2001', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Six Painters from Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Kintore-Kiwirrkura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Spirituality and Australian Aboriginal Art, Comunidad de Madrid touring exh., Spain
 2000 Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
 'Pintupi Men', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Papunya Tula: Genesis and Genius', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW

Awards

- 2011 General Painting Award, 28th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria
 Charles Darwin University
 Cornell University, New York, USA
 Seattle Art Museum
 Griffith University Art Collection
 Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA

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