

Yukultji Napangati - Pintupi

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Yukultji Napangati is a rising star of the Papunya Tula Artists. She first came to the notice of a wider audience through her inclusion in the 2005 Primavera exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia. She is renowned for her shimmering surfaces and subtle use of colour, however, as an artist, she continues to explore all possibilities.

Born circa 1971 near Wilkinkarra (Lake Mackay), "Yukultji was still a young girl when her family group came out of the desert into Kiwirrkurra in 1984, making national headlines as the 'last' of the desert nomads to make 'first contact'" (Vivien Johnson, 2008). Yukultji began painting for Papunya Tula Artists in 1996. Her work is included in significant public and private collections, including the Art Gallery of New South Wales, National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria and the Hood Museum of Art, USA. Yukultji won the Wynne Prize at the AGNSW in 2018.

Awards

- 2018 Winner 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 2013 Highly Commended 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 2012 Winner, 'The Alice Prize'
- 2011 Highly Commended, 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 Yukultji Napangati, 'Shimmer', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2019 Yukultji Napangati, Salon94, New York, USA
- 2014 Yukultji Napangati, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 'Fearless: Contemporary Indigenous Women from the Hassall Milson Collection' SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney NSW
Sydney Contemporary, NSW
'Graham Blondel: Contemporary Art Collection', Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Sydney, NSW
'Pintupi Way', Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra
- 2022-23 'Ever Present: First Peoples Art of Australia' National Gallery of Australia; Art Gallery of Western Australia, WA; National Gallery Singapore, Singapore; Auckland Art gallery Toi o Tāmaki, New Zealand.
- 2022 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW
'Sydney Contemporary 2022', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
NAATSIA, Museum and Gallery of the Northern Territory
'Round About or Inside', Vandenhove Centre for Architecture & Art, University of Ghent, Belgium
'Irititja Kuwarri Tjungu | Past & Present Together: 50 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection at the University of Virginia, USA, and Australian Embassy, Washington (2023)
'Tjukurrjtjanu Irititja Tjunta' – Belonging to the Dreaming for a Long Tim', Celebrating 50 Years of Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs.
'Community XIII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2021 'Round About or Inside', Griffith University Art Museum, Brisbane, QLD
'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW
'MCA Collection: Perspectives in Place', Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW
'Papunya Tula: 50 years 1971 – 2021', S.H Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 2020 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney, NSW
'It's not FAIR', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
'Desert Painters of Australia', Gagosian HONG KONG
'Community XI', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2019-20 'Am Anfang War Das Land', Sammlung Klein, Eberdingen-Nussdorf, GERMANY
- 2019 'Desert Painters of Australia', Gagosian New York, USA

- 'Desert Painters of Australia', Gagosian Los Angeles, USA
 'Celebrating Australian Abstraction', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Sydney Contemporary 2019', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
- 2018 'Primavera at 25: MCA Collection' Touring exhibition of regional galleries, NSW
 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
 'Sydney Contemporary 2018', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
 'Community IX, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2017 'Community VIII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Sydney Contemporary 2017', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
 'Who's afraid of colour' NGV, Melbourne, VIC
- 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.
- 2016 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
 'Landstract Abscape', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'The Last Hurrah', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Painting from Papunya Tula Artists', Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, NSW
 'Collectible', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Sydney Contemporary 2015', Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
 '32nd Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
- 2014 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
- 2013 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
 'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'No Boundaries', Bayside Arts & Cultural Centre, VIC
 'All-Over Country', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Crossing Cultures', the Owen & Wagner collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Art, Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio, USA
 'Language of the Land', Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT
 'Salon de Refuses', Darwin, NT
 'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2012 'Volume One: MCA Collection', Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW
 'Ancestral Modern – Australian Aboriginal Art from the Levi Kaplan Collection,' Seattle Art Museum, Washington, USA
 'The 37th Alice Prize', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
 'Community IV: Celebrating Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 '2012 Melbourne Art Fair', Royal Exhibition Building, VIC
 'Unique Perspectives: Papunya Tula Artists and the Alice Springs Community', Araluen Arts Centre, NT
 '29th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
 'Sonic Spheres', TarraWarra Biennial, TarraWarra Museum of Art, VIC
 'Papunya Tula: Works on Paper', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
 'Travelling Through Country', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2011 'Papunya Tula Women's Art', Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Maitland, NSW
 'AAA – Australian Abstract Art', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 '40 years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Wynne Prize', Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
 'Pintupi Art 2011', A P Bond Gallery, South Australia
 'Papunya Tula Artists: Paintings from the Western Desert', Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, VIC
 'Freemantle Arts Centre Print Award 2011', Freemantle, WA
 'Recent Pintupi Works', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Pintupi Trails 2011', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2010 PTA NOW, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT
 'Aboriginal Art 2010', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', ReDot Gallery, Singapore
 'Ngurrakutu – Going Home', Papunya Tula Artists, NT
 'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
 '27th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT
 'Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2009 'Community', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Nganana Tjungurrayi Tjukurrpa Nintintjakitja: We are Here Sharing our Dreaming', East Galleries, NY, USA
 '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
- 'Pintupi 2009', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Pintupi Women 2009', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Painting the Country', Cross-Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
- '26th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT
- Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, NT
- 'Papunya 2009, Senior Pintupi Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Marrkangku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka – Making Strong Paintings at Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 'Melbourne Art Fair 2008', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Licht in der Wüste: Aboriginal Art aus der Central und Western Desert', Artkelch at Lichthaus Kirchner, GERMANY
- 'David Larwill and the Western Desert Artists', Stephen Wiess Studio, NY, USA
- 'New paintings from Papunya Tula Artists', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Ngurra Yuru Kulinjaku – Always Remembering Country', CCAE, Darwin, NT
- '20 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Kintore to Kiwirikura – Papunya Tula Artists', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 'Pintupi Art 2008', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Pintupi Women', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, NT
- 'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007 'Recent Paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
- TogArt Contemporary Art Awards, Parliament House, Darwin, NT
- 'Survey Group Show of Emerging Artists', Raft Artspace, Darwin, NT
- 'Kiwirikura Women, Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Papunya Tula 2007', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'The Black & White Show', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 'Pintupi At 2007', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Melbourne Art Fair 2006', Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
- 'across the board', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Home Ground', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - UNSW
- 'PTA', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'Land Marks', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Right Here, Right Now: Recent Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Acquisitions', National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
- Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Rising Stars', 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
- 'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Australian Aboriginal Art 2006/2007', John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
- 23rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
- 2005 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Living Legends of the Western Desert', Walkabout Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 'Papunya Tula Artists - new work for a new space', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 'New Ideas 2005', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, NSW
- 'Primavera '05 - exhibition by young Australian artists', Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia, NSW
- 'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pintupi Art 2005', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
- 'Aboriginal Art of the Western Desert', Anima Mundi Gallery, Lyons, Colorado, USA
- 2004 'Works from Kintore and Kiwirikura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Papunya Tula Artists – 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Ma Yungu/ Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 'Mythology & Reality', Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, VIC
- 'Looking Closely At Country', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts , UNSW, Sydney, NSW
- Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne NSW

- 'Aboriginal Art 2004', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 'The Inner and the Outer', Stadtgalerie Bamberg, Villa Dessauer, Bamberg, GERMANY
 'Pintupi Art 2004', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 2003 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Masterpieces From the Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK
 20th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
 'Aboriginal Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 2002 'Pintupi Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Family', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Art Born Of The Western Desert', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
 'Aboriginal Art 2002', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 2001 'Next Generation – Aboriginal Art 2002', Art House Gallery, Sydney, NSW
 'Pintupi Women From Kintore', Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Papunya Tula 2001', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 Musee des Beaux Arts et d'Archeologie de Vienne, FRANCE
 1999 Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

Collections

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| Artbank | Macquarie Group Collection |
| Art Gallery of New South Wales | The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY, USA |
| Art Gallery of South Australia | Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia |
| Griffith University Art Collection | National Gallery of Australia |
| Harvard Art Museum, Cambridge, Mass., USA | National Gallery of Victoria |
| Hood Museum of Art, USA | Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art |
| Levi Kaplan Collection, USA | Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio, USA |

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 Ryan J. 'Land Marks', exhibition catalogue, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC, Australia, 2006
 John Gordon Gallery, 'Aboriginal Art 2006/2007', exhibition catalogue, Coffs Harbour, NSW
 Ken McGregor, 'David Larwill and the Western Desert Artists', exh cat, Stephan Wiess Studio, NY, USA, 2008
 TogArt Contemporary Art Awards, exhibition catalogue, Parliament House, Darwin, NT, 2007
 Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Ngurra yurru kulintjaku – Always remembering country', exh cat, Darwin, NT, 2008
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 Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, 2010
 ReDot Gallery, 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', exhibition catalogue, Singapore, 2010.
 'Pintupi Trails 2011', exhibition catalogue, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, 2011
 Fremantle Arts Centre Print Award, 2011, exhibition catalogue, Fremantle, WA
 Seattle Art Museum, 'Ancestral Modern – Australian Aboriginal Art from the Kaplan & Levi Collection', exhibition catalogue, Seattle, USA, 2012
 'Sonic Spheres', TarraWarra Biennial, 2012', exhibition catalogue, VIC
 'Crossing Cultures – The Owen and Wagner Collection of Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Art', Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Exhibition Brief, Art Almanac, June 2014
 Sharne Wolff, 'Yukultji Napangati', The Art Life, May 30, 2014
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