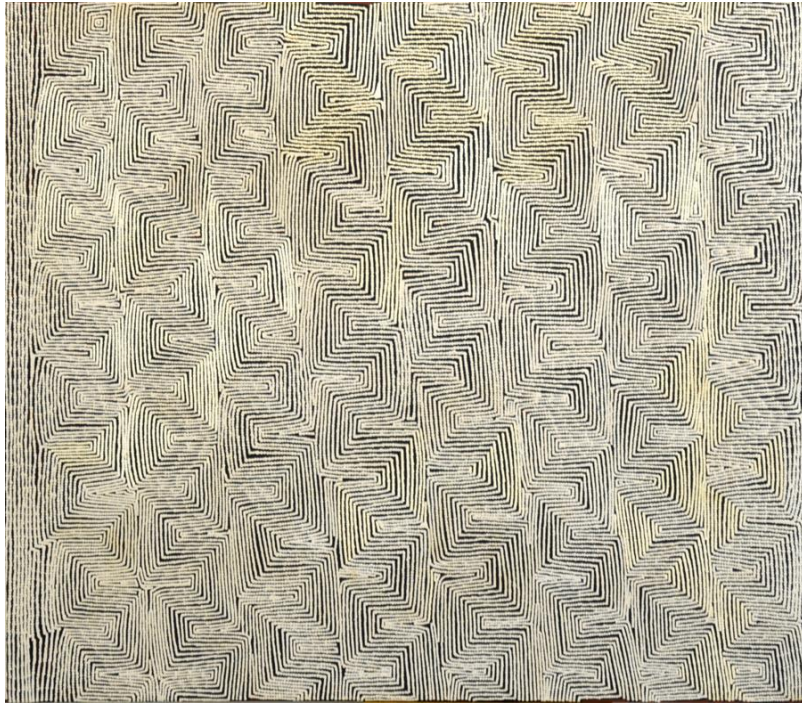


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Papunya Tula Artists

Community X

Press Release

Opening: **30 November, 3 - 5 pm**

Dates: **3 - 21 December** Director: Christopher
Hodges

Utopia Art Sydney

983 Bourke St Waterloo, 2017

Gallery Hours: Tues - Sat, 10 - 5 Phone: 9319 6437



Australia's centre shimmers in the middle of Summer

Defined by an exquisite Mantua Nangala painting, Papunya Tula artists capture the heat, heart and community of Australia in an exhibition that begins at Utopia Art Sydney on November 30.

"Community X is anchored around four major paintings" Christopher Hodges, Utopia Art Sydney Director explains, "but its heart is the collaboration of a community of desert artists and their common visual language. It's their idea of Australia and they paint it in every work. They make it present, seen and felt in every painting in the show"

"In a major work, Ray James Tjangala's' beautiful geometrics shake his canvas and our space. Ray takes abstraction from the desert geography and points to stories and legends of the spinifex. The optical movement and jangling dislocation reverberates from his painting into the Gallery"

'Richard Yukenbarri Tjakamarra's work interleaves deep maroons together in a calm unusual way we haven't seen often, and lets us understand the great interlocking rolls of the western desert hills. George Tjungurrayi is masterly."

"Mantua places us deeply in the endless horizons, the haze, the intense colors of the country. No one can ever understand how big Australia is until you are in front of her work and can simultaneously see above the geography yet stand in its middle and look into its distance."

"Community X showcases more than thirty artists; from George and Ray James, the established stars, to newly emerging painters beginning to make their moment."

"Utopia Sydney has represented artist owned (and run) Papunya Tula Artists, for 31 years. There's been generational change, sometimes upheaval, but the defining constant has been artists presenting stories and views through their painting."

"In the Western Desert, Kintore and Kiwirrkura artists interpret Australia, what it looks like to them; what it means to them; how we should know it. That's why this annual show, always, matters so much"

Artists exhibiting include: George Tjungurrayi, Ronnie Tjampitjinpa, Yalti Napangati, Mantua Nangala, Ngoia Napaltjarri and Edith Nampitjinpa

**press are welcome for a preview in the gallery
from the 27 November**

Christopher Hodges is available for interview
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images top: Ray James Tjangala, Untitled, 2019, acrylic on linen, 122 x 107 cm, above: Manutua Nangala, untitled, 2016, acrylic on linen, 122 x 122 cm, below: Richard Yukenbarri Tjakamarra Untitled, 2019, acrylic on linen, 91 x 91 cm



About Utopia Art Sydney.

Utopia Art Sydney is the leading gallery of Central Australian and Aboriginal Art. It is acclaimed as a leading Australian contemporary gallery. Opened in 1988 Utopia represents Australia's most prominent contemporary Indigenous artists; Emily Kngwarreye, Gloria Petyarre, Ronnie Tjampitjinpa, Yukultji Napangati & George Tjungurrayi.

Gallery artists like John R Walker, Helen Eager, Angus Nivison, Kylie Stillman, Peter Maloney, Marea Gazzard, David Aspden and Richard Larter define the look and feel of Australia art.

Utopia artists are always included in major showcase exhibitions including the Venice Biennale and Biennale of Sydney and strongly represented in Australia's most significant public collections. Gallery Director Christopher Hodges is a leading Australian sculptor and artist with long established career

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