

KAWAYI NAMPITJINPA

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c. 1938 - 2014

Kawayi Nampitjinpa is the widow of the artist Benny Tjapaltjarri who painted regularly for the company from the late 1970's until 2002. He was a well known ngangkari, or bush doctor, who worked for many years as a traditional healer at the Pintupi Homelands Health Service clinic at Walungurru (Kintore). Kawayi completed her first paintings for Papunya Tula Artists in 1998 but was known as an occasional artist prior to then. The stories that Kawayi refers to in her work centre around the site of Pinpirrnga, a rockhole north of Kintore and close to the outstation of Desert Bore which was established by her late husband. Born west of Walaungurru (Kintore) in the Northern Territory, Kawayi died in 2014 in Alice Springs.

Solo exhibitions

2011 Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2013 'The Salon', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2012 'Unique Perspectives: Papunya Tula Artists and the Alice Springs Community,' Araluen Arts Centre, NT
'Community IV: Celebrating Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney NSW
- 2011 'Papunya Tula Women's Art', Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW
'RBS Emerging Artist Award 2011', Sydney, NSW
'Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Telstra NATSIAA', Darwin, NT
- 2010 'Papunya Tula Artists – Community' Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'PTA NOW', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'The Desert Mob Art Show', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
'Tradition & Innovation – Papunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria
'Small Paintings', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria
'Nyakula Kanyini Piintapalyalpayi Kamu Walytja Tjanampa Lurtju – Caring For Artists And Their Families', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2009 '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
'Papunya 2009, Senior Pintupi Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
'TogArt Contemporary Art Award, Darwin, NT
'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Six Hands', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Pintupi Women 2009', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Vic
- 2008 'ABN AMRO Emerging Artist Award 2008', ABN AMRO Tower, Sydney, NSW
'Marrkangku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka – Making Strong Paintings at Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', Darwin Convention Centre, NT
- 2007 'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Papunya Tula Women', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Group Show', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

'across the board', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
The Peter Baillie Art Award, Flinders University City Gallery, Adelaide, SA
'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT

2005 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Strong & Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
Flinders University City Gallery, Adelaide, SA

2004 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
'Rising Stars', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
'Ma Yungu/ Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT

Collections

Art Gallery of NSW
Art Gallery of SA
Flinders University Art Museum
Griffith University Art Collection
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