

John West Tjupurrula - Pintupi

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Born c. 1968

John West Tjupurrula is the son of Freddy West Tjakamarra and Payu Napaltjarri, and the half-brother of Bobby West Tjupurrula, all highly regarded Papunya Tula artists. Freddy West was one of the founding artists of the Western Desert movement, and a driving force behind the establishment of the Kintore and Kiwirrkura communities during the homelands movement in the 1980s. John is an emerging artist showing incredible promise. He lives and works with his family in Kiwirrkura, regularly painting the sites Winpulpula and Palipalintjanya, associated with the closely guarded Tingari song cycle. He is an active ranger in the Kiwirrkura area. He started painting for the company in 2002.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 'Field of Vision', S. H. Ervin Gallery, The Rocks, NSW
- 2023 'Community XIV', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2019 'Desert Mob 2019', Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT Australia.
- 2019 'Pintupi Show 2019', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT Australia.
- 2020 'Desert Stories, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, NT, Australia.
- 2020 'Desert Mob 2020', Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT Australia.
- 2020 'Papunya Tula 2020', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2021 'Papunya: 50 years 1971-2021', S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Australia.
- 2021 'Martupura Tjukurrpa – *Important Business*', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT, Australia.
- 2022 'Tjukurrntjanu Irriṯitja Tjunta – *Belonging to the Dreaming for a long time*', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.