

JOHNNY YUNGUT TJUPURRULA - PINTUPI

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Johnny was born in the vicinity of Tjungimanta, north-east of the Kiwirrkura Community, circa 1930. His family tended to travel between Lake Mackay and where the Kiwirrkura Community now stands. During the 1950's, Johnny, his wife Walangkura, and members of the extended family heard about the Balgo Community from other Pintupi travellers and made the long trip northwards. Some of the family remained at Balgo, including his brother Donkeyman Lee who later became a well known artist for the Warlayirti Art Group in Balgo. Johnny returned to the Lake Mackay region and in 1956 met up with the Evans Patrol and travelled to Mount Doreen and Yuendumu with them. He then returned to Lake Mackay and when visiting Lappi Lappi rockhole north of Lake Mackay in 1957 met up with Donald Thompson and as a result features in the book Bindibu Country. This meeting led to the party leaving the desert and travelling to Haasts Bluff. He moved to live at the Papunya Community when it was established in late 1959. In 1999 Johnny contributed to the Kiwirrkura mens painting as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal. He died in 2016.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 'Tjupurrulaku: Paintings by Johnny Yungut Tjupurrula', Papunya Tula Artists Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 'New Paintings', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales
- 2003 'Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2013 'Painting Now', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2012 'Ancestral Modern: Australian Aboriginal Art from the Kaplan & Levi Collection', Seattle Art Museum, USA
'Community IV: Celebrating Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Unique Perspectives: Papunya Tula Artists and the Alice Springs Community,' Araluen Arts Centre, NT
- 2011 '40 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Papunya Tula Artists – Community III', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
- 2010 PTA NOW, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
36th Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara – Belonging To One Country', ReDot Gallery, Singapore
'Wilkinkarralakutu – Journeys To Lake Mackay', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
'27th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT
'Aboriginal Art 2010', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
'Tradition & Innovation – Papunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2009 'Community – The Heart of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
'Nganana Tjungurrayi Tjukurpa Nintintjakitja: We are Here Sharing our Dreaming', East Galleries, NY, USA
'Pintupi 2009', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA, Australia
'Desert Mob 2009', Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT, Australia
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, Australia
'Tjukurpa Palurukutu, Kutjupawana Palyantjanya – Same Stories, A New Way', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
'Nganampatju Kanpatja Winki, Nganampatju Yara Winkii – All Our Paintings, All Our Stories', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 'Ngurra Yuru Kulintjaku – Always Remembering Country', CCAE, Darwin, NT
'New Paintings from Papunya Tula Artists', Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT
'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair', Convention Centre, Darwin, NT
'25th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award', Darwin, NT
'Pairs of Paintings', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW

- 'Marrkangkku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka – Making Strong Paintings at Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2007 'Papunya Tula Artists – Big Paintings', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Recent paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, NT
 'Pintupi Art 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
 'PTA', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Aboriginal Art 2006' m Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 'Paintings by Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
 'Yawulyurru kapalilu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 'Pintupi Show', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'New Ideas 2005', Utopia Art Sydney
 'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 'Depth of Field – Anamorphosis', artists explore 'Absolute Matte' a new paint from Chroma Australia, Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Papunya Tula – Selected Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Art 2004', Tony bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Works From Kintore & Kiwirikura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
 'Papunya Tula Artists – 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Binocular – looking closely at country', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney, NSW
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2003 'Ab Op II' – Utopia Art Sydney
 'Pintupi Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
 'Kintore-Kiwirikura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK
 'Papunya Tula Artists – A Gift from the Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2002 'Lines II' Fire-Works Gallery, QLD
 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Pintupi Mens' & Womens' Stories" – Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
 Paintings from Our Country' – Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Saluting Papunya' – Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
 'Art Born of the Western Desert' Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
 'Pintupi Artists' - Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
- 2001 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
 'Kintore, Kiwirikura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
 'Six Painters From Papunya Tula Artists'. Utopia Art, Sydney, NSW
 Pintupi Exhibition' – Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 18th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award – Darwin, NT
 'Size Does Matter' – William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
- 2000 'Aboriginal Art Select Works', Kozminsky Gallery and Fine Art Dealers, Melbourne, VIC
 Utopia Art, Sydney, NSW
 Papunya Tula Genesis and Genius, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
 'Pintupi Men', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
 'Aboriginal Art Select Works', Kozminsky Gallery and Fine Art Dealers, Melbourne, VIC, Australia
 'Aboriginal Art 2000', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
- 1999 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 1998 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC

'Art of the Aborigines' – Centre of Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw Poland

1997 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd., Alice Springs, NT
Utopia Art, Sydney, NSW

COLLECTIONS

Aboriginal Art Museum, The Netherlands.
Griffith University Art Collection.
National Gallery of Victoria
Seattle Art Museum, USA

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