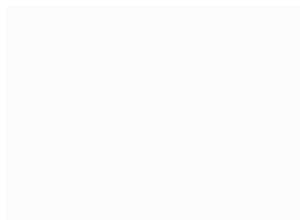




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Yurpiya Lionel



Birth Year	1960
Birth Place	Donalds Well, Kenmore Park
Language Group	Pitjantjatjara
Region	APY Lands

Biography

Yurpiya was born at the homeland Donald's Well, near Kenmore Park, about 45 kms east of Ernabella. She is the daughter of Pantjiti Lionel, a very senior Pitjantjatjara woman and artist. Her family lived in Ernabella where she attended school. In 2004 Yurpiya started painting at Ernabella. She has three children and several grandchildren - her daughters Rachael and Alison Lionel are emerging painters and ceramic artists. In 2015 Yurpiya was a finalist in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards. She has also worked at the Ernabella childcare centre and at the Ernabella store. Yurpiya has recently begun to experiment with abstract mark making, rather than the literal imagery of flowers, animals, insects and bush tucker that she used to paint. She is also a very accomplished fibre sculptor and weaver, using tjampi (native grass) and raffia to make baskets, animals and vehicles. In 2015 Yurpiya was a finalist in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, and in 2018 she was a finalist in the Wynne Prize.

Yurpiya has exhibited many times both nationally and internationally. In 2017 she exhibited alongside her two daughters and her mother in The Lionel Family - Tjukurpa Titutjura Kunpu Ngaranytjaku (keepingour tjukurpa strong forever)

Exhibitions:

- 2018 Sabbia Gallery at Carriageworks, Sydney Contemporary
- 2018 Araluen Art Centre, Desert Mob 2018
- 2018 Wynne Prize Finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
- 2017 Nyuyuntjaku-Keeping the fire alive: New paintings and ceramics by the artist of Ernabella Arts, Harvey Arts, USA
- 2017 In These Hands:Mara Nyangangka, Strut Gallery, Mittagong NSW
- 2017 Desert mob 2017, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT



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- 2017 Spirited-Kurunitja, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2017 The Lionel Family: Tjukurpa titjtjura ngaranyjaku Keeping our Tjukurpa Strong forever, Tumbridge Gallery, Subiaco
- 2017 Inuntjii-Regeneration, Aboriginal Signature, Estrangin Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2017 Nganampa Kililpi Kuwartija Tjuta pakani: Our Rising Stars II, Hazelhurst Regional Community Gallery NSW
- 2017 Inuntjii – Regeneration - Aboriginal Signature • Estrangin gallery, Bruxelles, BELGIUM
- 2017 Nganampa Kililpi Kuwartija Tjuta pakani: Our Rising Stars II - Hazelhurst Regional Community Gallery, NSW
- 2017 Relative Colours - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
- 2016 Nganampa Kililpi: Our Stars - Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre
- 2016 Nganampa Kililpi Kuwartija Tjuta pakani: Our Rising Stars - Hazelhurst Regional Community Gallery, NSW
- 2016 Inheritance - Salt Contemporary, Queenscliff, VIC
- 2016 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre
- 2016 Tradition and Innovation - Parcours des Mondes, Paris, France
- 2016 Kuwartija: APY kakarara guru | New work from the Eastern APY Lands – Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2016 The Blooming Desert - Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2015 Tjukurpa Kunpu / Strong Culture: HOLIDAY SHOW 2015-2016 - Harvey Art Projects, USA
- 2015 Artisans in the Gardens - Lion Gate Lodge, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- 2015 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre
- 2015 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Awards - Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 2015 Paysages Aborigènes incarnés de l'APY land (Incarnated Aboriginal landscape from the APY lands) - Aboriginal Signature, Brussels
- 2015 Kuruntu mukuringkula kulira palyantja (Stories straight from the heart) - Short Street Gallery, Broome
- 2015 Rising Stars - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
- 2014 APY 7 - Raft ArtSpace, Alice Springs NT
- 2014 Desert Mob 2014 - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
- 2014 Pllanypa - Harvey Art Projects, Idaho USA
- 2014 Desert Colour - Talapai Gallery, Alice Springs NT
- 2013 Desert Mob 2013 - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
- 2013 APY Lands Survey Exhibition - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
- 2013 Nyinnga (The Cold Time of the Year) - Harvey Art Projects, Idaho USA
- 2013 Putitja - Strathnairn Gallery, Canberra ACT
- 2013 Australian Vision, NAIDOC 2013 - Australian High Commission, Singapore in conjunction with Redot Gallery
- 2012 Kapi Ukalinganyi - Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney NSW



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- 2012 Tjukurpa Mulapa (True Stories) - Redot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
2012 Ngapartji Ngapartji - Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT
2012 Tjamuku Kamiku Tjukurpa - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
2011 Tjukurpa nyangatja ngananala unngu ngaranya - Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney NSW
2011 Ernabella Undiscovered - Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River WA
2011 Ngura Kutju, Tjukurpa Pulkatjara - Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2011 Tjukurpa Irititja, Walka Kuwaritja - Marshall Arts, Adelaide SA
2011 Ernabella Arts Kuwari - Ernabella Arts Now - Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT
2011 Desert Mob - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
2010 Ngura Nganampa tjulpu wirutjara munu kapi wala wirutjara - Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
2010 Recent Paintings - Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2010 Ara irititja munu ara kuwaritja Ernabella-la - Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2010 Our Mob - Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
2010 Ngura Nganampa (Our Country) - JamFactory Contemporary Craft, Adelaide SA
2009 Anangu Backyard - Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
2008 Nganampa Tjukurpa (Our stories) - Indigenart (Mossensson Galleries), Perth, WA
2008 Nganampa warka wiru (Our work is beautiful) - Cudgegong Gallery, Gulgong, NSW
2008 Desert Mob (with Tjanpi Desert Weavers) - Araluen Cultural Centre, Alice Springs, NT

Collections

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Awards:

- 2018 Wynne Prize, finalist
2016 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ArtAward, Finalist
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2009 Robbie Beard Hand SPun Prize Runner Up, Alice Springs Beanie Festival, NT
2007 Special Mention, Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs