



Yaritji Young

Born 1954
Language Group Pitjantatjarra
Mothers Country Aron
Fathers Country Wintawata
Region APY Lands

Biography

Yaritji Young has been painting at Tjala Arts (formerly Minymaku Arts) since late 2000. She is a senior law woman and is committed to fostering law and culture. Yaritjii was born in Ernabella (Pukatja), South Australia and now resides in Amata Community SA.

Yaritji Young is a traditional owner for Tjala Tjukurpa, near Amata. She paints the rock holes and landmarks of her country, entwined with icons and traditional marks that relate to inma (dance) and tjukurpa (dreaming). The twisted lines and shapes mimic tunnels and formations made by the tjala honey ant.

'My paintings are of my country: my father's country, my grandmother's country, the tjala country. Everything that my grandmother taught me, I'm teaching to my grandchildren now. They dance because I have shared what I got from my grandmother with my granddaughters, so they can know their culture.'



Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne Yaritji Young: Ngayuku Ngura
- 2017 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne Yartiji Young: Walytjapitiku Laina

Group Exhibitions

- 2018 Finalist 35th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin 2018 Jan Murphy Gallery - Brisbane - Seven Sisters Exhibition 2018 Art Gallery of New South Wales - The Wynne Prize 2018 Art Gallery of South Australia - Divided Worlds, Adelaide Biennial of Art 2017 TARNANTHI FESTIVAL - Art Gallery of South Australia Indigenous Art Salon 2017 Finalist 34th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin 2017 Art Gallery of New South Wales - The Wynne Prize 2016 Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels - Gems from the desert by Aboriginal Signature Estrangin gallery 2016 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Art Centre, Sydney - Nganampa Kililpil: Our Stars 2016 Finalist 33rd Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin 2016 Art Gallery of New South Wales - Wynne Prize 2016 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - 2016 Seven Sisters 2015 Short Street Gallery, Broome - Kwarila Tjunguringayi - All together now
- 2015 OutStation Gallery, Darwin Tjukurpa, Ngura, Waltja Culture, Country, Family
- 2014 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs Desert Mob
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- 2013 Finalist 30th Telstra National Indigneous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin
- 2013 Outstation Gallery Darwin APY Lands Survey Exhibition
- 2013 Aboriginal & Pacific Art Sydney



Short St. Gallery

2013	Tjukurpa nganampa kunpu kanyintjaku: Stories that keep culture strong
2013	Outstation Gallery Darwin - Kunpu Pulka – Strong and Important
2013	Marshall Arts Gallery Adelaide - Manta wirunya mulapa. This beautiful Earth
2012201220122012	Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney - Tjungu Kutju-tu (Together As One) Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts: New Work RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs - Punu Ngura - From the trees Short St Gallery, Broome - One Song Different Tune Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Ngura ngura munu malaku ngura kutu - From home and ng home
2011	Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts New Works
2011	Chapman Gallery, Canberra - Tjala Arts New Paintings
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2010	Araleun Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
2010	RAFT Art Space, Alice Springs - APY & NPY Survey Exhibition
2009	Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Tjala Arts Group Show
2004	Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award MAGNT Darwin
2004 2003	Flinders University Adelaide - Looking after country: Manta Atunymankunytja Fremantle Arts Centre, WA - 29th Annual Shell Fremantle Print Award Raintree Gallery, Darwin - Ngura-Tjanpi Desert Spinifex Country; works by Anangu atjara artists

2003 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob

2000 Tandanya, Adelaide - Irititia Munu Kuwaritja Tjukurpa (Stories from the past and present)

Awards

2018 Wynne Prize Finalist



2018 Telstra Prize Finalist

2017 Wynne Prize Finalist

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2016 Wynne Prize Winner

2013 Telstra Prize Finalist

Bibliography

2003 Sotheby's Marn Grook Auction, Museum of Contemporary Art

2014 Hope in the Red Heart, The Advertiser - Sally Brooks - 17 August

2015 Ken Family work on show OutStation Gallery, The Australian - Nicholas Rothwell - 22 May

Collections

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