



# Short St. Gallery

## Kumantjayi Nangala

**Born** 1933  
**Language Group** Luritja Warlpiri  
**Region** Papunya NT



## Biography

Kumantjayi Nangala was born at Haasts Bluff/Ikuntji circa 1933 of Ngaliya/Warlpiri parents and unexpectedly passed away in January 2020 after a long rich life. Nangala was a director of Papunya Tjupi right up until her passing and she governed the art centre with incredible leadership, ambition and care. Nangala was a highly respected senior law woman. Her deeply felt knowledge of country and ceremony empowers her bold lyrical and expressive paintings depicting the topography of hills and creeks that create the feeling of flowing water. The great Water Dreaming site of Mikantji she inherited from her father was nearly always her subject. She said that her Auntie taught her culture and stories but she developed her own ideas on how to paint it. She paints "so the children can watch me paint and learn, so I can pass on my Dreaming and stories to my grandchildren. Papunya is my mother's brother's country." In the past, Nangala was a prodigious carver of coolamons and clap sticks and maker of ininiti seed necklaces, but since 2007 she mainly painted - and she also produced prints with Cicada Press College of Fine Arts UNSW. Finalist in the Vincent Lingjari Art Award (2016) and Wyndham Art Prize (2019) her works are held in the Artbank Collection and Central Land Council Collection.

## Group Exhibitions

- 2020** Smart Art : Art Kelch, Germany
- 2020** Tamanthi 2020 Art Fair - AGSA : Lot 14, North Terrace, Adelaide
- 2020** Tjupi Taanu Revisited : RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
- 2020** SHE Exhibition : Walker Street Gallery & Arts Centre
- 2020** Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020 : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2019** Kuwaritja – now / newness : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2019** About Country : Talapi, Alice Springs, NT
- 2019** Back To The Desert — Neue Werke Von Papunya Tjupi Arts :  
ARTKELCH - Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Germany
- 2019** Wyndham Art Prize 2019, Finalist Exhibition :  
Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, VIC



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- 2019** Stories from the Beginning : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2018** Tarnanthi : Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide
- 2018** Tjupi Boards: Kulinyi Tjilpi Tjutanya : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs
- 2018** Desert Mob Exhibition 2018 : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2018** Darwin Art Fair 2018 : Darwin, AUS
- 2018** Salon des Refuses 2018 : Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Darwin
- 2018** Inyani Mantakutu – Light Becomes Sand : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2018** Ngayuku: Belonging : Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2018** Papunya Tjupi Works 2018 : Honey Ant Gallery with Incinerator Art Space, Sydney.
- 2018** Offen für Kunst / Open to Art : ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
- 2018** Papunya Tjupi: New Work : JGM Art, London UK
- 2018** A Sense of Place 2018 : McCulloch & McCulloch Whistlewood Gallery, Shoreham Victoria
- 2017** Twelve: Contemporary Aboriginal Works on paper : Koskela, Sydney NSW
- 2017** Continuing Culture : Artitja Fine Art, South Fremantle, WA
- 2017** Desert Mob 2018 : Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs NT
- 2017** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2017 : Darwin, NT
- 2017** Tjupi Taanu (When the Honey Ant Bursts) : Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
- 2017** Puri: New Shade : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2017** Farben den Wüste : ARTKELCH @ Teppichhaus Jordan, Waldshut Tiengen, Germany
- 2017** ArtKelch presents Papunya Tjupi at Art Karlsruhe : Karlsruhe Trade Fair Centre, Germany
- 2017** Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
- 2016** The Power of Naivity : Art Kelch, Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, Germany
- 2016** Dont you tell me... : Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
- 2016** Vincent Lingjari Art Award : Tangentyere Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2016** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2016** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2016** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
- 2016** Keepers of Place: New Works from Papunya Tjupi : McCulloch & McCulloch, 45downstairs, Melbourne
- 2016** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016** The Blooming Desert : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2016** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
- 2016** Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney



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- 2015** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2015** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2015** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2015** Kungka Tjupi: New work from the women of Papunya Tjupi : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2015** Desert Dreaming : Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
- 2015** New Narratives: Papunya Tjupi Prints with Cicada Press 2006-2014 : Kluge- Ruhe Museum – UVa Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
- 2014** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2014** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre
- 2014** Kungka Tjutaku Wititjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries
- 2014** Garden of Eden : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2014** Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2013** Papunya Tjupi: New Work : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2013** Solidarity for Love: G'day from Aussie Minjung : Monkey-Wrenching Art Center, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
- 2013** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2013** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2013** Papunya Tjupi : Chapman Gallery Canberra
- 2013** Seoul Korean Art Fair : Seoul, Korea
- 2013** Kapingka punganyinka Tjupi tjutarringanyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2013** ArtStage Singapore : ArtStage Singapore, Mossenson Galleries
- 2012** Papunya Tjupi Artists : IDAIA and Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles, Paris, France
- 2012** The Keating Speech : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2012** Kapi Tjukurpa - Water Dreaming : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2012** Desert Rythmn - Artists of Papunya Tjupi : Mosenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2012** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2012** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2011** UNSW International Showcase : UNSW, Kensington, Sydney
- 2011** The International Art on Paper Exhibition : College of Fine Arts, University of NSW
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi: Generations : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKelch, Germany
- 2011** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011** AUS DEM LAND DER HONIGAMEISE/From the Land of the Honey Ant : ARTKelch Gallery, Germany



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- 2010** Tjukurpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne  
**2010** Papunya Power : Art Mob Gallery, Hobart  
**2010** Desert Stories: Papunya Tjupi : Gecko Gallery, Broome  
**2009** Talents of the Desert – Neue Werke aufstrebender Talente :  
ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany  
**2009** The Artists of Papunya Tjupi : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne  
**2009** Papunya Tjupi: A New Generation : Gecko Gallery, Broome  
**2008** Were talking about Papunya again : Art Mob, Hobart  
**2008** Silk + Sand : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington  
**2008** Papunya Tjupi: A new beginning : Ivan Dougherty Gallery,  
Paddington

## **Collections**

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