Short St. Gallery

Mick Wikilyiri

Born c.1940
Language Group Pitjantjatjara
Region APY Lands

Mick grew up in Amata. Mick said, 'Amata his country'. When he was a young man, Mick worked as a cattleman, 'ringer' or stockman at various cattle stations in the region, including Curtain Springs Station which is approximately 130 km north of Amata, around Alice Springs and Timber Creek. Mick said (referring to Timber Creek), "getting that bullock - good work there!" Mick said, "workin' at station, riding horse, breakin' horse, makin' fence, tank, windmill.

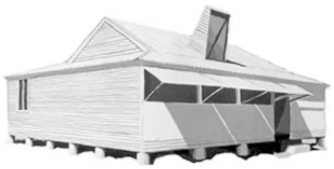
He also worked at Kenmore Park, east of Amata and Kalka, west of Amata when the land belonged to the Whitefellas, before it was returned to Anangu Pitjantjatjara/Yankunytjatjara. He said he was asked to come back to Musgrave Park Station (now Amata) to work because he was a good worker. Mick said when he finished working, he 'stopped' back at Amata, "young fella then, married that woman".

Solo Exhibitions

2021	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - MICK WIKILYIRI NGAYUKU NGURA - MY COUNTRY, APARA SPRINGS
2020	Alcaston Gallery - Melbourne - MICK WIKILYIRI - MAMA UNTALPA KUNPU – STRONG FATHER AND DAUGHTER
2019	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - MICK WIKILYIRI NGAYUKU TJUKURPA KUNPU - MY STRONG STORIES

Group Exhibitions

2021	APY Gallery Adelaide - Milpatjunanyi



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2020	Musée des Beaux-Arts de Rennes, France - Kulata Tjuta
2020	Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - Tjala Arts | Tjukurpa nganampa kunpu kanyintjaku: Stories that keep culture strong
2020	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - Tjilpis
2019	Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin - 36th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist
2019	Aboriginal and Pacific Art - Nganampa Waltja Tjurkpa – Our Family Tjukurpa
2018	Alcaston Gallery - Melbourne - MICK WIKILYIRI AND YARITJI YOUNG
2017	Art Gallery of South Australia - TARNANTHI FESTIVAL - Art Gallery of South Australia Indigenous Art Salon
2017	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - MICK WIKILYIRI AND PANINY MICK 2017
2017	Kulini- Listen, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2016	Ngura - Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2016	Hazelhusrt Regional Gallery and Art Centre, Sydney, NSW, Ngamumpa Kiliili, Our Stars
2015	Art Gallery of South Australia - TARNANTHI FESTIVAL - Kulata Tjuta Inma, Government House, Adelaide
2015	Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory - 32nd Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist
2015	Art Gallery of Western Australian - Western Australian Indigenous Art Award 2015
2015	Kwarila Tjunguringanyi - All Together Now, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2014	AGSA - 2014 Adelaide Biennale - DARK HEART
2014	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - Mickynya Kutju - Mick Wikilyiri Solo Exhibition 2014
2012	RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs - Punu Ngura - From the trees
2012	Short Street Gallery, Perth - Tjala Arts New Works
2012	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - Uwankara kurunpa kutju-tjara- Our People One Soul
2012	Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts New Works
2012	Outstation Galery, Darwin - Ngura ngura munu malaku ngura kutu - From home and returning home
2012	Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Kunpu munu ninti pilulka - Nyangatja anangu tjuta ku minyma ku way. Strong and Wise -This is the way of Anangu Women
2011	Raft Artspace Alice Springs - I Hold My Mothers Story. I Hold My Fathers Story.
2011	OutStation Gallery, Darwin - Nganampa Kampatjanka Uungutja- Behind our Canvas
2011	Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney - Ngura Wiru Mulapa- Our Beautiful Country

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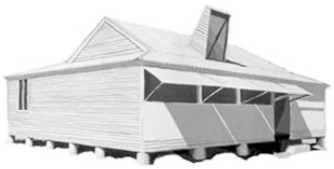

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2010	Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - New Paintings by Tjala Men
2011	Tjala Artists 2011, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2010	Tjala Arts Ala Patintjaku - Tjala Arts Closing the Gap, Marshall Arts, Adelaide, SA
2010	Desert Mob 2010, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
2010	New Paintings by Tjala Men, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
2007	Nyangatja nganampa tjukurpa: These are our stories, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
2006	Tjala Arts: SALA Festival, Art Images, Adelaide, SA
2006	Ututu kuwaritja Amatala nguru: New mob from Amata, Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
2005	Waku Kunpu: Strong Work, Bandigan Art
2005	Amata watiku tjukurpa wiru: Good stories from Amata men, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2005	Minymaku Arts: SALA Festival, Art Images, Adelaide, SA
2005	Minymaku Arts: Emerging Artists from Amata, Indigenart, Fremantle, WA

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria
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Awards

2015 Telstra Prize Finalist

Bibliography

2018	ARTKELCH, Robyn Kelch: Don't forget to sing! Exhibition catalogue, Freiburg, Germany, 2018
2017	ARTKELCH, Robyn Kelch: Tjala Arts, Exhibition catalogue, Freiburg, Germany, 2017
2015	Ken Family work on show at Outstation Gallery. The Australian - Nicholas Rothwell, 22 May