



Emily Cullinan

Born Language Group Region 1952 Yankunytjatjara APY Lands

Biography

"When I was little, we used to do a lot of walking; we'd camp along the way to different countries. My dad was using a tjuki (digging stick) every day to help us find water. I know this country, like the way the old people that passed away before us knew it. I worked for many years teaching important stories about my country at Uluru. I met people from all over the world and worked with park rangers and other Anangu too; everybody together."

Emily Cullinan was born near Mimili, on the APY Lands in South Australia. Emily and her family lived a traditional Anangu existence; travelling consistently, hunting and collecting bush food along the way and having little contact with non-Indigenous people.

As cattle stations were established in the area, Emily came to work in domestic service at the Granite Downs Station. While working at the Granite Downs stationmaster's house Emily met her husband, a stockman from nearby Wallatina.



Emily, her husband and their children settled in Indulkana, where Emily continued to pass on to her young family the traditional knowledge of hunting, bush foods and water sources that she learnt from her own parents as a young girl.

These days, Emily is a respected senior woman and an established artist, working at Iwantja Arts in Indulkana. Emily's dynamic paintings are inspired by memories of her childhood, living traditionally on country with her parents, and the many journeys they undertook.

Group Exhibitions

2023	Ngura Wiru – Beautiful Country, Everywhen Artspace, Flinders, VIC
2022	Tjintu – Sunshine – Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2021	Walka Wiru Ngangampa – Our Wonderful Paintings, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
2021	Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2021	Titutjara Pukulpa (Always Happy), APY Gallery, Adelaide, SA
2020	Kulata Tjuta, Musée des Beaux-Arts in Rennes, Brittany, France
2020	Desert Mob, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2020	Akuri Tjuta (All the Women), APY Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2019	Ngunytju munu Untalpa – Mother and Daughter, APY Gallery, Sydney,
NSW	
2018	Nganana Kuranyukutu Ma-Palyani – For Our Future Generations, APY Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2018	Kungka Kunpu (Strong Women), Koskela, Sydney, NSW
2018	Ngura Kunpu (Strong Country), Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2017	Many Hands - Paintings from Iwantja, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2016	Point of Difference - from Desert to Sea, Turner Galleries with Artitja Fine Arts, Perth, WA
2016	APY-NAIDOC Exhibition, Signal Point & Kiri Kiri Arts, Victor Harbour,
SA	······································
2016	The Blooming Desert, Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
2016	Iwantja Artists, Harvey Art Projects, Idaho USA
2016	SALT, McCulloch and McCulloch, Melbourne, VIC
2015	TARNANTHI, Art Fair Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
2015	SALT, McCulloch and McCulloch, Melbourne, VIC
2015	Indigenous Literacy Exhibition, McCulloch and McCulloch, Sydney,
NSW	
2015	Spring Salon, McCulloch and McCulloch, Shoreham, VIC
2015	Artitja Fine Arts, Fremantle, WA
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2014	Tjungu Festival, Yulara, Uluru, NT



Short St. Gallery

- 2014 Autumn Salon, McCulloch and McCulloch, Shoreham VIC
- 2014 Right Now with Viscopy, Boomalli, Sydney, NSW
- 2014 Pukulpa Pots, Mr Kitly, Brunswick, VIC
- 2014 Celebrating Ten, Artitja Fine Art, Fremantle, WA
- 2014 Ngali–Kitikiti–ni, Pop Up Gallery, The Rocks Sydney, NSW
- 2013 Better World Arts, Adelaide, SA
- 2012 Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 2011 Mossenson Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2011 Booker Lowe Gallery, Houston Texas Collections
- 2012 University of Canberra, ACT

Collections

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