



Short St. Gallery



Isobel Major Nampitjinpa

Born 1975
Language Luritja
Region Papunya, NT

Isobel Major was born in Alice Springs Hospital. She is the daughter of Punata Stockman Nungurrayi and her late husband Peter Major Tjangala, and the granddaughter of Papunya Tula artist Billy Stockman Tjapaltjarri. Isobel has a twin sister Shiela and another sister Maggie. Isobel paints the dreaming stories that have been passed down to her from both sides of her family.

Isobel mostly paints her grandmother's dreaming from west Kintore and east of Kiwikurra, a place called Yumarri. This is the story of a forbidden love story between 2 people of the wrong skin.

Isobel is married to Patrick Poulson, and they have 4 children: Peter, Rosemary and the twins Sharnie and Sheranna. In 2016 she was also nominated to sit on the *Executive* Board of Desart, the governing body for central Australian art centres.

Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020: Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2019 Kuwarritja - now / newness: Outstation Gallery, Darwin.
- 2019 Back to the Desert - Neue Werke Von Papunya Tjupi Arts: ARTKELOH - Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Germany
- 2018 Darwin Art Fair 2018: Darwin, AUS
- 2018 Papunya Tjupi Works 2018: Honey Ant Gallery with Incinerator Art Space, Sydney.
- 2017 Desert Mob 2018: Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs NT



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- 2017 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2017: Darwin, NT
- 2017 Puri: New Shade: Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2017 Papunya Tjupi Arts: The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
- 2016 The Power of Naivty: Art Kelch, Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, Germany
- 2016 Don't you tell me...: Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
- 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 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting: Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
- 2016 Papunya Tjupi Arts: The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
- 2015 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting: UNSW Galleries
- 2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair: Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 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
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- 2012 Papunya Tjupi Artists: IDAIA and Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles, Paris, France
- 2012 Desert Mob: Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2012 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair: Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2011 UNSW International Showcase: UNSW, Kensington, Sydney
- 2011 Papunya Tjupi : Mina Mina Gallery, Queensland
- 2011 Papunya Power: Art Mob Gallery, Hobart
- 2011 New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts: Nomad Arts, Canberra and Darwin
- 2011 Kuwarritja Tjutaku Papunya Tjupinya: Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2011 Desert Mob: Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2010 Thukurpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts: Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2010 Papunya Power: ArtMob, Hobart
- 2010 Desert Stories Papunya Tjupi Now: Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2010 Desert Mob: Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2009 Papunya Tjupi Group Show: Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2009 Papunya Tjupi: Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Building Papunya Tjupi: Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 Were talking about Papunya again: Art Mob, Hobart
- 2007 Papunya Tjupi: A new beginning: Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington