



# Short St. Gallery

## Yaritji Heffernan

Born 1955  
Language Pitjantjatjara  
Region APY Lands

### Biography

Yaritji Heffernan was born in Mulga Park station near Ernabella. Her parents were both Pitjantjatjara, her father was from Angkatja and her mother was from Umutju. Yaritji moved to Adelaide in 2010 and has been painting at the APY Adelaide Studio since it opened in May 2019.

Yaritji paints at the studio on a daily basis and alongside the senior women, she is an important leader and teacher in the centre, encouraging young artists in their emerging practice.

Kapi Tjukula, the circles of this design represent rock holes where water collects after the rains. These rock holes are an important source of water during the dry season when most of the water holes and creeks dry up. Water is an essential element in the desert. Knowledge of rock hole sites is passed on from generation to generation and revered by all Anangu (people)  
Pitjantjatjara

### Group Exhibitions

2025  
2025 Adelaide Summer Salon APY Gallery Adelaide, Adelaide  
2025 APY Minyma – Women of the Lands, APY Gallery Sydney, Sydney  
2025 Melbourne Art Fair, APY Gallery Melbourne  
2024 Sabbia Gallery Booth - Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Sydney  
2024 Ngura Ngayuku – My Home, APY Gallery Adelaide, Adelaide  
2023 Our Country: APY Lands, GNYP Gallery, Berlin



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- 2022      Racconti della memoria (Stories of Memory), Museum of Contemporary Art of the Academy of Fine Arts in Frosinone, Italy
- 2022      Ultukunpa – Honey Grevillea Story, APY Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022      MAPAKANI – MOMENTUM, APY Gallery, Melbourne
- 2022      Uwankaraku Inmaku Pakala – Everybody Dance, APY Gallery, Sydney
- 2022      Melbourne Art Fair, APY Gallery, Melbourne
- 2021      Milpatjunanyi, APY Gallery, Adelaide,
- 2020      Ngayulu Kulinu Ngayuku Kami-Ku Inma (I hear my Grandmothers song), APY Gallery, Adelaide
- 2020      Malakungku Palyantjaku/ Healing Country, APY Gallery, Adelaide
- 2020      Nganampa Waltja Tjungu, APY Gallery, Adelaide
- 2019      Tjintu Kuwaritja/A New Day, APY Gallery, Adelaide

## Awards

- 2021      Wynne Prize Finalist