



Short St. Gallery

George Ward Tjungurrayi



Born	c.1945
Language Group	Pintupi
Region	Western / Central Desert

George Ward Tjungurrayi was born near the site of Lararra, east of Tjukurla in Western Australia c.1945 and is a Pintupi member. His first contact with Europeans was made through one of the welfare patrols led by Jeremy Long and Nosepeg Tjupurrula at a rockhole south of Kiwirrkura. After travelling in to Papunya he worked as both a fencer as well as a butcher in the Papunya kitchen. George's father was also the father of Yala Yala Gibbs Tjungurrayi and Willy Tjungurrayi and although they had different mothers he considers them very close brothers. George was a senior artist at Papunya Tula Artists. George moved to Warakurna some years ago with his wife and family, but now resides at Wanarn Aged Care. George has exhibited widely nationally and internationally. Note: Above information courtesy of Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd and Warakurna Artists Aboriginal Corporation.

Art Awards

2004 Wynne Landscape Prize

Solo Exhibitions

2019 Court House Gallery
2005 'George Ward Tjungurrayi' Clarence Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Group Exhibitions

2018 Short St Gallery Group Show
2018 Welcome to Paradise, Japingka Gallery



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- 2017 NG Salon, RAFT Artspace & Hanging Valley at Praxis Artspace
2017 Dreaming of Ngurra, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2015 Tunbridge Gallery, Perth, Australia
2006 'Yawulyuru Kapalilu Palyara Nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
2006 'Paintings By Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2006 'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Gallery, Singapore
2006 'Papunya Tula Artists - Recent Paintings', Harriet Place, Darwin, NT
2006 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, VIC
2006 'Pintupi', Hamiltons Gallery, London, UK
2006 'Aboriginal Art 2006', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2006 'Right Here Right Now: Recent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Acquisitions', National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
2006 'Papunya Tula Artists 2006', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2006 'Across The Board', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
2006 'Group Show;', John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
2005 'New Works From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Perth, WA
2005 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT
2005 'New Work For A New Space', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
2005 'Strong and Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
2005 'Pintupi Art 2005', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
2005 'Aboriginal Vision In Contemporary Australian Art', Wright Exhibition Space, Seattle, Washinton, USA
2005 'Papunya Tula - New Paintings From The Kintore Kiwirrkura Region', John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, NSW
2005 'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne VIC
2005 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2005 'New Ideas', Utopia Art Gallery, NSW
2004 'pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs NT
2004 'Looking closely At Country', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - The University of New South Wales, SYdney NSW
2004 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne VIC
2004 'Ma Yungu/Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin NT
2004 'Aboriginal Art 2004', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, VIC
2004 'Talking About Abstraction', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - TheUniversity of New South Wales, Sydney
2004 'All About Papunya', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2004 'Papunya Tula Artists - 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne VIC
2004 'Works from Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Alison Kelly GALLERY, Melbourne VIC



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- 2004 'Depth of field - Anamorphosis', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
2004 Wynne Landscape Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW
2004 'Pintupi Art 2004', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
2003 'Papunya Tula - Selected Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, VIC
2003 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs NT
2003 'Papunya Tula Artists - A Gift From The Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, NSW
2003 Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
2003 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK
2003 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, WA
2003 Kintore-kiwirukurta 2003', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
2003 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Center, Alice Springs, NT
2003 20th Telstra National and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, NT
2003 'Papunya Tula selected Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria
2003 'Pintupi Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, SA
2002 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs NT
1993 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, QLD
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1990 'Friendly Country - Friendly People', Araluen Arts Center, Alice Springs, NT

Collections

National Gallery of Australia
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Charles Darwin University

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1994 Johnson V. Aboriginal Artists of the Western Desert, A Biographical Dictionary, Craftsman House, New South Wales, 1994.
2003 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', exhibition catalogue, London, United Kingdom, 2003.
2004 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2004', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.



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Hamiltons Gallery, 'Pintupi', exhibition catalogue, London, United Kingdom, 10.