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Matjangka (Nyukana) Norris



Born 1956
Language Group Pitjantjatjara
Region APY Lands

Matjangka Norris from Watinuma on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara/ Yankunytjatjara Lands, 350km SE of ULURU. Her main artform is painting. However, previously she excelled in the medium of batik. Examples can be found in the National Gallery of Victoria, South Australian Museum and Flinders University Collections.

Matjangka is an energetic, prolific and versatile artist. Her work features a range of subjects including the constellations, traditional country, bushfoods and mamu. Her versatility is evident in the range of styles she uses from her abstract seed paintings to those that show her creative and humorous personality and feature quirky imagery such as Mamu (spirit monsters). She is famous for dancing this inma which is humorous but also scares the children.

Until recently, Matjangka had a full time job is as a health worker at the Fregon clinic. Creating art is second nature to Matjangka and she has always been part of the Kaltjiti art centre with an artwork in progress. Her innate sense of creativity encompasses all mediums with the unique quality of a genuine artist.

Matjangka was born at Victory Downs Station, just on the Northern Territory border, north of Fregon. She moved to Ernabella with her family when she was a tjitji pulka (big girl) and went to the mission school. Matjangka and her family moved to Fregon where she finished her schooling. She has worked as a teacher at the Fregon school and in the Fregon store.

Solo Exhibitions

2018 Solo Show - BOAA Biennale of Australian Art, Ballarat, Victoria

Group Exhibitions

2025 July, Continuing Our Story, APY Gallery Adelaide
2021 August, Salon de Refuses, Charles Darwin University, Darwin NT
2021 July, Black and White, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin NT



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2021	June, Ananyi - Walking, Aboriginal Signature Fine Art, Belgium
2020	July, Salon de Refuses, Charles Darwin University
2020	July, We are painting for our children, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2020	March, Painta Wirunya, Yaama, Ganu Gallery, Moree, NSW
2019	From the Desert Across the Sea, Aboriginal Signature Fine Art, Belgium
2019	September, Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen, Alice Springs
2019	August, Rikina, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2019	Nganampa Ngura Kurunjara, Olsen Gallery, Woollahara, Sydney
2019	April, APY Group Show, Olsen Gruin Gallery, LA. USA
2019	April, Wynne Prize, Art Gallery NSW
2018	Lililpi-Tili Pulka Irynan - Bright Shining Stars, Paul Johnstone Gallery
2018	September, Desert Mob Exhibition, Araluen, Alice Springs
2018	September, Kaltjiti Artists, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi
2018	August, Salon des refuses, Darwin
2018	NATSIAA - Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
2018	August, Kunmanara Kaltjiti Arts, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2018	August, gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Sydney
2018	May, ReDot Fine Art, Singapore
2018	May, Intestections, Marshall Art , Adelaide
2018	April: Women's paintings Paul Johnstone Gallery Darwin NT
2018	March: Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Fine Art, Brussels Belgium.
2018	March : Steadfast - Works from Kaltjiti Short Street Gallery Broome WA
2017	September : Desert Mob Show Araluen Galleries Alice Springs NT
2017	May Kaltjiti Artists -continuing Our Story.. Paul Johnstone gallery Darwin NT
2016	October Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, NSW. Nganamp Killipi - Our Stars
2016	September Desert Mob Show Araluen Galleries Alice Springs NT
2016	August Telstra Art Awards exhibition MAGNT Darwin NT
2016	June RAFT Art Space Alice Springs NT a Song and a prayer for our friend
2016	May 18 Paul Johnstone Gallery KILILPI-TILI PULKA IRNYAN- Bright Shining Stars by the Artists of Kaltjiti 2015 May ReDot Fine Art Gallery Singapore.
2014	September Desert Mob Show Araluen Galleries Alice Springs NT
2014	September Desert Country Talapi Gallery Alice Springs NT
2014	May - Intersections - Kaltjiti Arts group show at Marshall Arts, Adelaide SA
2014	March: Eastern APY Art Centres Touring Group Exhibition Art Kelch Freiburg Germany
2013	December Summer Survey Show - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne Victoria
2013	September: Kunmanara: Kaltjiti Arts - Paul Johnstone Gallery Darwin NT



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2013	September: Desert Mob Show Alice Springs NT
2013	August: Kaltjiti Artists 2013 - Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi Melbourne Victoria
2013	July: 'Australian Vision' - NAIDOC 2013 ReDot Gallery Singapore
2013	May: Kaltjiti Artists Marshall Art, Adelaide SA
2013	March: McCulloch & McCulloch, Melbourne
2012	October: A.P Bond Gallery, Adelaide
2012	September :Desert Mob 2012, Araluen Cultural Centre, Alice Springs NT
2012	September: CCAE, Darwin NT
2012	July: Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne Victoria
2011	September: Shalom Gamarada Nginyani Yana, Sydney NSW
2011	August: Spirit of Country: Land and Life, Seymour College Exhibition, Adelaide SA
2010	September: Desert Mob Show Araluen Cultural Centre, Alice Springs NT
2010	August: Painters of Fregon - Raft Art Space Alice Springs NT
2008	November: SA Impressions-Etched intheSun. Print exhibition, Adelaide Festival Centre SA
2008	Across the desert: Aboriginal Batik from Central Australia. NGV Melbourne Victoria
2007	September: Spoleto Festival, Italy
2007	September, Desert Mob Show, Araluen Cultural Centre, Alice Springs
2007	May, APY Grandeur, Art Mob, Hobart, TAS
2006	December, Anangu Backyard Exhibiton, Adelaide Festival Centre
2005	Anangu Backyard: the art of bush foods, Flinders Medical Centre
2005	Desert Mob, Araluen Centre for the Arts, Alice Springs, NT
2004	Manta Atunymankunyija: Looking after Country, Flinders University Art Museum City Gallery, State Library of South Australia, Adelaide
2003	International Print Fair in conjunction with Basil Hall Editions, Melbourne
2003	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Arts, Arterial Gallery, Adelaide
2003	Mina Wala: Works from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara, Araluen Centre for the Arts, Alice Springs, NT
2002	Ku Art: Art of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara, Bundaberg Arts Centre
2000	Palupurunypa Palu Kutjupa: Same But Different, South Australian Touring Exhibitions Program, various venues in South Australia
2000	Desert Mob, Araluen Centre for the Arts, Alice Springs
1998	Desart Exhibition , Straight From the Heart, Tandanya/Fringe Festival, Adelaide, SA
1998	Desert Mob Show, Araluen Centre for the Arts, Alice Springs, NT
1998	June , 'Kaltjiti Bizarre' Mutitjulu Cultural Centre Ayers Rock NT
1998	August, 'Same But Different', NewLand Gallery, Adelaide, South Australian Country Arts Trust, SA



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- 1998 Corkwood Festival, Alice Springs.
1998 October, Raiki Wara: Long Cloth. Exhibition of Batiks at the National Gallery of Victoria
1998 November, Indigenart Gallery
1998 June, Straight From the Heart, Glen Ira City Gallery, Melbourne, touring nationally
1998 'Corkwood Festival ', Alice Springs, NT
1998 Same But Different' - SATEP Touring Exhibition, Regional South Australia.
Joint exhibition from Ernabella, Iwantja and Kaltjiti Art Centres.
1998 'Epic:State of the Art', South Austrian Country Arts Exhibition, Ceduna, SA
1998 'Desert Mob Show' – Araluen – Alice Springs.
1998 General Exhibition at the ULURU-Kata -Tjuta Cultural Centre-July
1998 AP Sports and Cultural Festival – September.
1998 Desert Art Gallery, FoxStudio – November.
1997 Desert Mob Show, Alice Springs
1997 'Corkwood Festival ', Alice Springs, NT.
1997 Kaltjiti Bizarre, Mutitjulu Cultural Centre, Ayers Rock
1996 February, Desert Exhibition, Fringe Festival, Adelaide SA.
1996 July C.A.A.A.C.E. Araluen Alice Springs.
1996 Indigenart Singapore; Paris, France, Milan, Italy
1996 Opera in the Outback, South Australia
1996 Central Australian Aboriginal Art Exhibition, Araluen Centre for the Arts, Alice Springs
1996 September, Great Lengths Central Australian Textile Exhibition, Araluen Alice Springs
1995 'Fabric of Life,' Port Community Arts, Port Adelaide SA
1995 Indigenart Gallery, Perth WA
1995 Central Australian Aboriginal Arts and Craft Exhibition, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs 1994 Fringe Festival, Adelaide SA
1994 Central Australian Art and Craft Exhibition, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
1993 'Women of Kaltjiti', Nexus Gallery, Multicultural Artsworkers Union, Adelaide SA.
An exhibition of Batik.
1993 Central Australian Aboriginal Arts and Craft Exhibition, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT 1993 Central Desert Silks, Rainbow Serpent Gallery, Sydney NSW
1992 Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Exhibition, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
1992 February, Kyana Festival, Perth, WA



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Awards

2017	Winner - Telstra General Painting Award, NATSIAA, MAGNT, NT
2019	Wynne Prize Finalist - Art Gallery of NSW
2019	NATSIAA finalist National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards

Collections

National Gallery of Victoria, AUS
South Australian Museum, AUS
Flinders University, AUS
Artbank Collection, AUS
The Kaplan - Levi Collection - Seattle, USA
Sky City Casino, AUS
The Wall Street Hotel - Paspaley Group - New York, USA
Art Gallery of South Australia, USA