



# Short St. Gallery



## Witjiti George

**Born** 1938  
**Language Group** Pitjantjatjara  
**Country** Kaltjiti (Fregon), APY Lands, SA

Witjiti George is from Mulga Bore Homeland on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara/ Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, 350km SE of ULURU. His mother's country is Piltati in the Mann Ranges where the Wanampi Tjukurpa is located. His father, Old Georgie, came from Coffin Hill (sacred men's country) south of Kaltjiti.

Witjiti was born at Lambina/Granite Downs (cattle station) in far north of South Australia. As a boy his family travelled east towards towards Ernabella and the railway line as there was a drought and little access to food, when Fregon was established in 1961, he began cattle work and settled there.

Tjangili, his wife, came from Mt Ebeneza to Ernabella and they were married in the old traditional way.

Witjiti started painting in 2007, a senior traditional man, Witjiti holds much traditional knowledge and authority in the region. He was a Kaltjiti Arts Board director from 2015-2016.

\* Anangu Pitjantjatjara/ Yankunytjatjara Lands, far north west of South Australia

## Awards

2019 Finalist: NATSIAA Telstra Art Award  
2019 Finalist: Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of NSW  
2017 Nominee: NATSIAA Telstra Art Award



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2016 Nominee: NATSIAA Telstra Art Award  
2016 Nominee- Telstra Art Award, NATSIAA MAGNT, Darwin

## Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
Artbank Collection, Australia  
Harriett & Richard England Collection, Sydney  
Lavery Collection, Australia  
Berengere Primat Collection  
Arnaud Serval Collection, Switzerland  
Robert Kaplan and Margaret Levi Collection, Seattle USA

## Group Exhibitions

2019 From Desert Across the Sea, Aboriginal Signature Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium  
2019 Weapons for the Soldier, Murray Bridge Regional Gallery  
2019 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
2019 NATSIAA (Finalist), MAGNT, Darwin  
2019 Rikina, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin  
2019 Before Time Began: APY Group Show, Opale Foundation, Lens, Switzerland  
2019 Wynne Prize (Finalist), Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney  
2019 APY Group Show, Olsen Gruin Gallery, LA, USA  
2019 Grand Old Men, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin  
2019 Weapons for the Soldier, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
2018 Weapons for the Soldier, Hazelhurst Gallery, Sydney  
2018 Nganampa Ngura Kurunjara, Olsen Gallery, Sydney  
2018 Hold our connection to Country, Aboriginal Signature Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium  
2018 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
2018 We two are sitting together as friends, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin  
2018 Brussels Art Fair, Aboriginal Signature Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium  
2018 Tjilpi kutjara-kutjara: Four Senior Men, Aboriginal Fine Art, Sydney  
2018 Steadfast-Works from Kaitjiti, Short St Gallery, Broome WA  
2017 Tarnanthe Art Fair, Art Gallery of SA, Adelaide  
2017 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
  
2017 NATSIAA (Finalist), MAGNT, Darwin



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2017	Gems of the APY Lands, Paris Art Fair - Aboriginal Signature Fine Art, Brussels, Belgium
2017	Continuing Our Story, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin
2017	Artists of the APY Lands, Alcaston Gallery, Fitzroy, Melbourne
2017	Ngura Kutjupa, Walytja Kutju: Different Communities, One family, Tangentyere Artists Gallery, Alice Springs
2016	Nganamp Kilipi: Our Stars, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery, SA
2016	Desert Mob Show Araluen Galleries Alice Springs NT
2016	Telstra Art Award exhibition MAGNT Darwin NT
2016	Aboriginal & Pacific Art Sydney NSW.
2016	A Song and a Prayer for our Friend. RAFT Art Space Alice Springs NT
2016	KILLPI-TILI PULKA IRNYAN- Bright Shining Stars . Paul Johnstone Gallery
2015	Malpa munu waltja tjuta. Ngura tjuta – nguru - Family and Friends All Over The Lands Tandanya NACI Adelaide SA,
2015	St Ignatius College Art Show 2015 Adelaide SA
2010	Desert Mob Show, Araluen Art Galleries, Alice Springs NT
2010	Painters of Fregon" - RAFT Art Space, Alice Springs NT
2007/2008	Tjulpuntjulpunpa: vistas of wildflowers by Kaltjiti Artists, Adelaide
2007	Desert Mob Show, - Araluen Art Galleries, Alice Springs. Festival Centre Adelaide.

## Bibliography

Artwork included as part of ARTbank christmas card collection

Tjukurpa Pulkatjara, The Power of the Law, SA Museum