



Short St. Gallery

Watarru Collaboration

Language Group Pitjantjatjara
Region APY Lands

Biography

The artists of Watarru have received high acclaim for their collaborative paintings. Their initial collaborative works were commissioned by the Department for Environment and Heritage and now hang permanently in the South Australian Parliament. These are the first Indigenous paintings to hang in parliament house. In 2007 they won a major prize in the national Drawing Together competition sponsored by the Australian Public Service Commission, a competitive award, which attracted over 570 entries from across Australia.

Tjungu Palya : Located about 100kms south of Uluru, Nyapari is set at the base of the majestic Mann Ranges in the heart of country traditionally owned by the Pitjantjatjara people.

These ranges known to Anangu as Murputja, likening the mountain to the bony ridge of a person's spine, are the source of many water holes and traditional camping places. The homelands of Kanpi, Nyapari, Angatja, Umpukulu and Tjankanu have grown from these seasonal camping places into permanent settlements. Over fifty artists from Murputja joined together with family members living in traditional country 180kms to the south at Watarru and created Tjungu Palya (Good Together).

The artists involved in this work vary but are generally, Beryl Jimmy, Tinpulya Mervin, Wipana Jimmy and Imitjala Pollard.

Tjungu Palya is 100% owned and managed by Aboriginal people ensuring the wealth of talent and economic returns are retained in the community. Tjungu Palya promotes cultural integrity and the ethical sales of authentic art.

Group Exhibitions

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| 2023 | Wiru Tjukurpa - Beautiful Law Story, Short St Gallery, Broome WA |
| 2020 | Tjurkupa Mulapa – This is a true story : Short St Gallery, Broome, WA |
| 2017 | 'Ngayulu Mantangka Walkatjunanyi' Outstation Gallery Darwin. |



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- 2017 'Walkatjunanyi Inmaku', Redot Gallery, Singapore.
- 2017 'Warka Kunpu', Raft Gallery Alice Springs.
- 2017 'Empirantes Eternales', Aboriginal Signature Brussels.
- 2016 Nganampa Kililpil: Our Stars, Sydney, NSW.
- 2016 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards - MAGNT, NT
- 2012 'Tjungu Palya Tjukurpa' – Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT.
- 2011 Tjungu Palya 2011 Short St Gallery, Broome, Western Australia
- 2011 Tjungu Palya - Masterpieces Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
- 2011 Watarru Tjukurpa - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
- 2010 Tjukurpa Pulkatjara: The Power of the Law South Australian Museum, Adelaide, South Australia
- 2008 Tjukurpa Kunpu Marshall Arts, Adelaide SA
- 2007 Watarru Tjukurpa Randall Lane Fine Art, Perth, WA
- 2006 Nganampa Tjukurpa Nganampa Ngura Marshall Arts, Adelaide SA
- 2006 Our Mob Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
- 2006 Anangu Backyard Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA

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- 2010 Tjukurpa Pulkatjara - The Power of the Law' exhibition catalogue, Ananguku Arts Wakefield Press, pg 50,51

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