



Short St. Gallery



WAWIRIYA BURTON

Born 1925
Language Group Pitjantjatjara
Region APY Lands

Wawiriya Burton is a senior woman from the Amata community. She started painting at Tjala Arts in 2008, but originally specialised in baskets and punu (wood carvings). Wawiriya is Ngangkari (traditional healer) and maintains strong traditional cultural ties, demonstrated in her expressive paintings of her country. In her painting, Wawiriya tells the story of her father's country near Pipalyatjara, west of Amata in South Australia.

'A long time ago, when we were little children, we ran around Puta Puta and Iitjata, our grandfather's and father's ground, and because of this we grew up strong. Why? Because it's Anangu country – Aboriginal people's country – of their spirit.' – Wawiriya Burton, 2017

Group Exhibitions

2019 Ngangkari, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs
2019 36th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
2019 Nganampa Waltja Tjukurpa – Our Family Tjukurpa, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2019 APY Lands, Olsen Gruin Gallery, New York
2018 Nganampa Ngura Kurunjara – The Place of Our Spirit, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
2018 Desert Mob, Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs
2018 35th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award Finalist, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
2018 Tjala Arts: New work by senior artists, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney
2018 Art of the APY Art Centre Collective, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne



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- 2018 Wynne Prize Finalist, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney NSW
- 2018 Amata Imagined, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2017 Tamanthi Festival, Art Gallery of South Australia Indigenous Art Salon
Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2017 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 34th Telstra National
Indigenous Art Award Finalist
- 2017 Outstation Gallery, Tjala Tjukurrpa
- 2017 NATSIAA, MAGNT, Darwin, NT
- 2017 Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW
- 2016 Short St Gallery, Broome WA, Ngayuku Mgura – My Country
- 2016 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels-Gems from the desert by
Aboriginal Aignature Estrangin Gallery
- 2016 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Art Centre, Sydney - Nganampa Killipil: Our
Stars
- 2016 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - 2016 Seven Sisters
- 2016 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels - Rachines by Aboriginal
Signature Estragin Gallery
- 2016 Ngayuku ngura - My Country, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2015 Kwarila Tjunguringanyi - All Together Now, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2015 Paul Johnston Gallery in association with Darwin Festival - Salon des Refuse
- 2015 Art Gallery of Western Australian, Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards
2015
- 2015 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - Tjintu Wiru - Beautiful Day
- 2015 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels - Paysages incarnes by
Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery
- 2015 Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery, Brussels - Ligne de vie nomade at
Aboriginal Signature Estragin Gallery.
- 2014 Short Street Gallery, In Memory of Kunmanara Williamson: These are the
Stories we teach our Children
- 2014 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2014 Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory - 31st TELstra National Indigenous
Art Award Finalist
- 2014 Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery - Paintings from the Heart of Amata Country
- 2014 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Tjala-nga - It's all about Tjala
- 2014 Red Dot Gallery Singapore - Tjintu Kuwaritja Wiru Mulapa
- 2013 Aralen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert mob
- 2013 Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney- 2013 Tjukurpa Nganampa Kunpu Kanyintjaka:
Stories that keep culture strong
- 2013 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Kunpu Pulka - Stong and Important
- 2012 Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts New Works
- 2012 Short St Gallery, Perth - Tjala Arts New Works
- 2012 RAFT Artspace, ALice Springs - Punu ngura - From the Trees



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- 2012 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Jgura Ngura Munu Malaku Ngura Kutu - From home and returning home
- 2012 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Kunpu munu ninti pilulka - Ngangatja anangu tjuta ku minyma ku way. Strong and Wise - This is the way of Anangu Women
- 2011 Artkelsch, Germany - Western APY Lands
- 2011 Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney - Ngura Wiru Mulapa - Our Beautiful Country
- 2011 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Nganampa Kambatjanka Uungutja - Behind our Canvas
- 2011 Raft Artspace Alice Springs - I hold my mothers story. I hold my fathers story.
- 2011 Araluen, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2011 Tjala Artists 2011, Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2010 Desert Country, Art Gallery of South Australia
- 2010 Tjala Arts Ala Patintjaku, Tjala Arts Closing the Gap, Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2010 Desert Mob 2010, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2010 Tjukurpa Kunpu Nganana Kanyini Pulka. Our Stories We Hold Strong, Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2010 Tjala Women, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 2010 Raft Launch APY NPY Survey Exhibition, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs
- 2010 Nganampa Tjukurpa Kunpu. Our Strong Stories, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2010 APY NPY Exhibition, Marshall Arts
- 2010 Tjukurpa Pulkatjara, South Australia Museum, Adelaide
- 2009 Our Mob, Adelaide Festival Centre
- 2009 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs
- 2009 Tjala Arts, Randell Lane, Perth
- 2009 Tjala Women, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 2009 Tjala Arts, Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 Tjala Arts, Chapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2008 Desert Mob, Araluen Centre, Alice Springs
- 2008 Tjala Arts, Randell Lane, Perth
- 2000 Iritja munu kuwaitja tjukurpa. Stories from past and present, Tandanya, Adelaide

Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales
Art Gallery of South Australia 2009
Art Gallery of South Australia 2008
Artbank
Corrigan Collection
Harriett & Richard England Collection



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International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands
Lavery Collection
Marshall Collection
Merenda Collection
National Collection of Victoria
Queensland Art Gallery - Gallery of Modern Art

Awards

2019	Telstra Prize Finalise
2018	Telstra Prize Finalist
2018	Wynne Prize - Winner Roberts Family Prize
2018	Wynne Prize Finalist
2017	Finalist, Wynne Prize
2016	Telstra Prize Finalist
2014	Telstra Prize Finalist
2010	Telstra Prize Finalist

Bibliography

2008	Tjukurpa Pulkatjara: The Power of Law, Wakefield Press
2009	'Fifty things collectors need to know 2009, Tjala Arts, Amata' Art Collector Magazine, issue 47, Jan-Mar
2010	Desert Country, Nici Cumpston & Barry Patton, Art Gallery of South Australia
2011	'Visions of a changing topography, Nicholas Rothwell, the Australian, 13 September