



# Short St. Gallery

## Mona Mitakiki Shepherd

**Born** 1954  
**Language** Arrente/ Pitjantjatjarra  
**Region** APY Lands



## Biography

Mona started painting with Tjurma Arts and Crafts back in 1998. After a long break she returned to painting at Tjala Arts (formerly Minymaku Arts) in mid 2003. Mona's husband, Michael Mitakiki also painted briefly at the art centre. After the death of her husband in May 2005 Mona changed her surname from Mitakiki to Shepherd for cultural reasons - Pitjantjatjara people are not allowed to see or hear the name of the deceased.

Mona paints on collaborative paintings with Naomi Kanjituriny and Tjimpayi Presley. The ladies were taught to paint by senior artist Kunmanara Katie Kawiny. She has passed away now but the younger women and their grand-daughters carry her story on for future generations.

## Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2021 Yartji Young + Mitakiki Womens collaborative, Olsen Gallery, Sydney
- 2018 Tjala Arts: New Works by senior artists, Aboriginal and Pacific, Sydney
- 2018 Finalist - 35th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award, NATSIAA MAGNT, Darwin
- 2018 Hahndorf Academy - Ngayuku Ngura
- 2018 Don't forget to sing!, Artkelch @ Museum Fünf Kontinente, München, Germany
- 2017 Parcous – Gems of the APY land by Aboriginal Signature Estrangin gallery Paris
- 2017 Araleun Galleries - Desert Mob - Collaborative painting
- 2017 Outstation Gallery - Tjala Tjukurpa
- 2017 Charles Darwin University Darwin Festival and Paul Johnstone Gallery - Salon De Refuses - Collaborative painting
- 2017 Art Gallery of New South Wales - The Wynne Prize - Collaborative painting
- 2016 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney – Seven Sisters
- 2014 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2013 Outstation Gallery Darwin - APY Lands Survey Exhibition 2013
- 2013 Chapman Gallery, Canberra - Tjala Arts: New Work
- 2012 Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney - Tjungu Kutju-tu (Together As One)
- 2012 Metropolis Gallery, Geelong - Paintings from the APY Lands



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- 2012 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Tjala  
2012 Short St Gallery, Broome - One Song Different Tune  
2012 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - From Home and Returning Home  
2011 Chapman Gallery, Canberra - Tjala Arts  
2011 Short St Gallery, Broome  
2011 ARTKELCH, Germany - Pro Community - Western APY Lands  
2011 Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney - Ngura wiru mulapa (Beautiful Country)  
2011 Ngayulu Witini ngayuku mamaku tjukurpa, ngayulu witini ngayuku ngunyjtuku  
tjukurpa RAFT Artspace  
2011 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Nganampa Kampatjanka Ungutja- Beneath our  
Canvas  
2011 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Emerging Artists from Tjala Arts & Kaltjiti Arts  
2010 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Tjukurpa kunpu nganana kanyini pulka – Our  
stories, we hold strong  
2008 Adelaide Festival Centre - Our Mob  
2008 Adelaide Festival Centre - Art Images  
2007 Adelaide - Visions of Country: Seymour College art exhibition  
2007 Country Arts SA - Our Mob on Tour  
2006 Stephanie Burns Fine Art, Canberra - Warka nganampa munuru:  
2006 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Wama Yungkunyjtja  
2006 Red Dot Gallery, Singapore - Utulu kuwaritja Amatala nguru - New mob from  
Amata  
2006 Art Images, Adelaide - Tjala Arts: SALA Festival  
2005 Bandigan Art, Sydney - Waku Kunpu: Strong Work  
2005 Art Images, Adelaide - Minymaku Arts: SALA Festival  
2005 Indigenart, Fremantle - Minymaku Arts: emerging artists from Amata, South  
Australia  
2004 Australias Outback Gallery, Sydney - Bush Christmas  
2000 Touring Exhibition; SA Country Arts Trust, South Australia - Tili Wiru (Beautiful  
Light)  
2000 Tandanya, Adelaide - Irititja Munu Kuwaritja Tjukurpa  
Various venues across South Australia - Di antara dua pedalaman: between  
remote regions. A collaborative exhibition featuring artists from remote regions of  
South Australia and Malaysia  
1999 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob  
1998 Eyre Peninsular - State of the Art Exhibition  
1998 Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs - Minymaku Batik Exhibition  
1998 Eyre Peninsula - EPIC State of the Arts  
1991 Beyond Batik - a joint exhibition by members of the ACT Batik Association and  
artists from the Tjurma Homelands, Canberra

## Bibliography



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- 2018 ARTKELCH, Robyn Kelch: Don't forget to sing!, Exhibition catalogue, Freiburg, Germany, 2018
- 2017 ARTKELCH, Robyn Kelch: Tjala Arts, Exhibition catalogue, Freiburg, Germany, 2017
- 1998 Lino Printing and Solarplate Etching workshop, SACAT, Adelaide
- 1998 Batik Course, Amata TAFE

## Awards

- 2018 Finalist - 35th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award , NATSIAA MAGNT, Darwin
- 1999 Tandanya /Arts SA Aboriginal Artists Fellowship Award

## Collections

NGV, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne