



Short St. Gallery

Lawrence Pennington

Born 1934
Language Pitjantjatjara
Region Tjuntjuntjara, WA



Biography

At the time of Lawrence's birth in the early 1930's, his people, the Spinifex people had no contact with Western civilization. Lawrence grew up as a young boy living a fully traditional hunter-gatherer life. His initiations as a young man in this country have given Lawrence intimate knowledge in a physical as well as a spiritual sense of the sites and stories of the area he was born and responsible for.

He was born just outside of the north-eastern boundary of Spinifex at a place called Urlu, circa 1934. Running through Lawrence's stretch of country is the Walawuru (wedge-tailed eagle) Dreaming. Not surprisingly the dominant topographical feature in Lawrence's country is a string of craggy topped breakaways. In parallel alignment off to the south run a series of thinly connected dry salt lakes and naturally underscoring these features, reddish sand plains. Depending on the character of the light, Lawrence's country can at different times appear hauntingly bleak or soaringly beautiful. His spacious, iconographic paintings vibrate with culture and beauty.

Like his contemporaries Lawrence was pulled in to Cundeelee Mission during the sweeps in the late 1950s. He came in a young Wati (initiated man), married late in Cundeelee and had one son. Lawrence painted in the early years, collaboratively and individually before leaving Tjuntjuntjara for about 7 years. He returned on a permanent basis when his son went through Men's Law at Tjuntjuntjara.

Solo Exhibitions

2021 Wati Kutjara Lawrence Pennington & Simon Hogan, Raft Artspace,
Alice Springs, NT
2017 Lawrence Pennington, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
2016 Wati Wara, Redot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore

Group Exhibitions

2022 Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2022 Aluni - Resonance - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels,



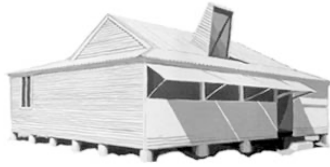
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- Belgium
- 2021 Spinifex Wati Tjuta - Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2021 Making a Mark - ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore.
- 2020 Spinifex Artists - On Our Country - Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA
- 2020 Smart Art - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
- 2020 Paris, Paris! - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
- 2020 Art Paris 2020, ARTKELCH at Art Paris 2020, Paris, France
- 2019 "Wati: Men from Spinifex" Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2019 36th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards -
Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
- 2019 9 Explosion, Aboriginal Signature - Estrangin Gallery, Brussels,
Belgium
- 2019 Art Paris 2019 - ARTKELCH at Art Paris 2019, Paris, France
- 2019 Art Karlsruhe 2019, ARTKELCH at art Karlsruhe 2019, Karlsruhe,
Germany
- 2018 35th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards,
Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
- 2018 Spinifex People Spinifex Land - A Collection of Fine Spinifex
Indigenous Art - ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
- 2018 In Kürze: Pila Nguruku Kapi Walkatjara - Painted Waters of Spinifex
Country, Artkelch, Skulpturenpark Wesenberg| Künstler Bei Wu,
Wesenberg, Germany
- 2018 Beyond Dreaming: The Rise of Indigenous Australia in the USA – Kluge-Ruhe
Art Museum at UVA, Virginia, USA
- 2018 Ngura Ninti - Knowing Country, Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany
- 2017 Wüste - Meer - Schpfermythen ArtKelch Gallery presented at The
Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum Cologne, Germany
- 2017 Spinifex Arts 20th Anniversary - Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA
- 2017 Gems from the remote Deserts , Aboriginal Signature Estrangin
Gallery, at the Parcours des Mondes, Paris
- 2017 DesertMob - Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 2017 Gems from the remote Deserts - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, at the
Parcours des Mondes, Paris
- 2017 Spinifex Ascendent Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2017 Spinifex: Aboriginal Paintings from the Robert Kaplan and Margaret
Levi Collection, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, Nevada, USA
- 2016 Pila Nguratja - In Spinifex Country Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016 Parcours des Mondes art fair - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery,
Paris, France
- 2016 33rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Art Award (Men's
Collaborative). Museums and Art Gallery's, Darwin, NT
- 2016 Rawa Nyinyani- Unbroken - Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT



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- 2016 Exposition Spinifex Arts Project - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Fine Art, Belgium
- 2016 Community - Spinifex Art project - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 Geisterstunde bei ARTKELCH - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
- 2016 Purungu und Narrupa Sammlung - P. & A. Klein and ArtKelch, Kunstwerk, Germany
- 2015 Spinifex Arts Project 2015 - Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2015 Tarnanthi - Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art - Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
- 2015 Wo das Stachelkopfgas wächst - ArtKelch, Freiberg, Germany
- 2015 Kulunypa- selected small works from the Spinifex Arts Project - Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2015 Ausblick – Einblick, ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
- 2015 Art Karlsruhe - ARTKELCH at art Karlsruhe 2015, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2014 Spinifex Artists - Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA
- 2014 Tjuntjuntjara Nguratja- Tjuntjuntjara is home - Harvey Art Projects, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
- 2014 Tjuntjuntjara - recent works from Spinifex Country - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2014 Spinifex Tjukurpa - ReDot Gallery, Singapore.
- 2014 Spinifex Arts Project - Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2014 Pila- Spinifex Land Outstation Gallery, Parap, Darwin, NT
- 2014 DesertMob Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 2013 Spinifex Arts Project - ARTKELCH at art Karlsruhe 2013, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2013 A Lesson in Pitjantjatjara - ARTKELCH Collectors Lounge at kptec, Schomdorf, Germany
- 2013 The Wild Ones - Raft Artplace, Alice Springs, NT
- 2013 Spinifex Arts Project ArtKelch,Freiburg,Munich,Hamburg, Bodensee, Lake Constance, Germany
- 2013 Salon des Refuses, Outstation and Paul Johnstone Galleries in the Old bank building Smith and Bennet st3 Spinifex Arts Project - Lawrence Pennington Page 3 of 4 Darwin, Darwin, NT
- 2013 Kuwaritja - New Works of the Spinifex People - Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2013 DesertMob - Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
- 2012 Tupun Nguranguru – People of the Sandhill Country - 45 Downstairs Gallery, Vivien Anderson, Melbourne, VIC
- 2012 Spinifex - People of the Sun and Shadow John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, Perth, WA



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2005	Law and Land Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands
2002	Putitja Nguru - Art of the Spinifex People Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA
2001	Flinders Arts Museum, Adelaide, SA
2001	Broken Hill City Regional Art Gallery, Broken Hill, NSW
2001	All About Art - Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2000	Pila Nguru - Art and Song of the Spinifex People Western Australian Museum, Perth, WA and National Tour

Collections

Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Arnaud Serval Collection, Australia

Art Gallery Of South Australia, Adelaide, SA (Men's Collaborative)

Arthur Roe Collection, Australia

Geoff Hassall Collection, Australia

Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection Of The University Of Virginia, USA

Musee La Grange, Moitiers, Switzerland

Museum And Art Gallery Of The Northern Territory, Darwin, NT

Museum Funf Kontinente, Munich, Germany

National Gallery Of Australia, Canberra, ACT (Men's Collaborative)

Richard And Harriet England Collection, UK

Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA (Mens Collaborative)

The Corrigan Collection, Australia (Mens Collaborative)

The National Gallery Of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC

W. & V. Mcgeogh Collection, Melbourne, VIC

Wagner And Owen Collection, USA



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Awards

- 2019 Finalist 36th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, NT
- 2018 Finalist 35th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, NT
- 2016 Finalist (Mens Collaborative) 33rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, NT