

Short St. Gallery

Ngalpingka Simms

Born 1945
Language Ngaanyatjarra
Region NG Lands



Ngalpingka Simms was born at a place in Western Australia known to Anangu (Aboriginal people) as Wayiyul. Wayiyul is a Seven Sister's site, situated to the north of Warburton Community, and is therefore a sacred site. Ngalpingka spent her early days living a traditional lifestyle with her small family group and later moved into Warburton Mission where many Ngaanyatjarra people settled. She spent many years at Warburton living a semi nomadic lifestyle and participating in traditional ceremony. Now living at Tjuntjuntjara and married to Spinifex elder Lennard Walker Ngalpingka paints at Spinifex. She has participated with the Spinifex Artists since 1998 and is a valuable and knowledgeable member of the group who paints her homeland area associated with the Minyma Tjuta (Seven Sisters) as well as collaborative paintings.

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 MINYMA, Aboriginal and Pacific Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2022 Short Street Gallery Broome
- 2022 Spinkflex Arts Project 25 year anniversary show, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria.
- 2022 Aluni - Resonance - Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2021 DesertMob 2021, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs N.T.
- 2020 Spinifex Artists - On Our Country, Japingka Gallery Fremantle. W.A.
- 2020 Art Paris 2020, ARTKELCH at Art Paris 2020, Paris, France
- 2019 Kungarungkalpa Short St Gallery, Broome WA
- 2019 Explosion, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels
- 2018 Womens Show, Vivien Anderson Gallery, VIC
- 2017 'Spinifex Ascendent' Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2017 Spinifex Arts 20th Anniversary, Japingka Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2016 Pila Nguratja - In Spinifex Country Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016 Desert Mob Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, N.T.
- 2016 Rawa Nyinanyi- Unbroken. Outstation Gallery, Darwin. N.T.
- 2016 Exposition Spinifex Arts Project, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Fine



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- Art, Belgium
- 2016 Purungu und Narrupa Sammlung, in assoc. with P&A Klein and ArtKelch Kunstwerk, Germany
- 2016 Tjungutja - Art of Spinifex Collaborative, ReDot Fine art Singapore
- 2015 Wo das Stachelkopfgas wächst, Art Kelch, Freiberg, Germany
- 2015 Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide. SA. Tarnanthi Festival
- 2015 Indigenous Australia enduring civilisation, The British Museum, London
- 2015 Outstation Gallery, Darwin. N.T. Kulunypa- selected small works from the Spinifex Arts Project
- 2014 Tjuntjuntjara Nguratja- Tjuntjuntjara is home Harvey Art Projects, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
- 2014 Spinifex Tjukurpa, ReDot Gallery, Singapore.
- 2014 Spinifex Arts Project, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC.
- 2014 Tjuntjuntjara recent works from Spinifex Country, Short St Gallery, Broome
- 2013 'The Women's Show' Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Vic.
- 2013 Spinifex Arts Project ArtKelch, Freiburg, Munich, Hamburg, Bodensee, Lake Constance, Germany.
- 2013 Kuwaritja - New Works of the Spinifex People Outstation Gallery, Darwin,
- 2013 'New 3 - recent acquisitions 2011-2013' University of QLD Museum, Brisbane
- 2012 Spinifex - People of the Sun and Shadow John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia
- 2012 'Tupun Nguranguru: People of the Sandhill Country' - Spinifex Arts Project 15th Anniversary Exhibition, Vivien Anderson Gallery Melbourne, VIC.
- 2011 'Spinifex Artists', Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA
- 2011 'Living Water- Contemporary Art of the Far Western Desert', NGV, Melbourne
- 2010 'Spinifex Arts Project 2010', Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC.
- 2010 'Desert Country' Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, and National Tour.
- 2010 'Australian Contemporary Indigenous Art Now', Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe
- 2010 USA in association with Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, VIC.
- 2010 'Spinifex Artists', Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, WA. 2010 'Desert Mob, Araluen Galleries', Alice Springs, NT.
- 2009 Generation Next', Randall Lane Gallery, Perth, WA.
- 2009 'Spinifex Artists' Ab-Original Gallery, Austria.
- 2009 'Desert Mob' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T.



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- 2009 Tracking the Wati Kutjara' Coo-ee Gallery, Sydney, N.S.W.
2009 'Spinifex Artists 2009' Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, W.A.
2009 'Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards', AGWA, Perth WA
2008 'Spinifex Artists Recent Work' Short St Gallery, Broome, W.A.
2008 'Desert Mob' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT.
2008 'KapiNinti: Knowing Water Knowing Country, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne
2007 Seattle Arts Museum, Seattle
2007 'Ten Years On' Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, W.A.
2007 'Best of the Best' Framed Gallery Darwin, N.T.
2007 'New Spinifex Works' Short St Gallery, Broome, W.A.
2007 'Desert Mob' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T.
2006 Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne, Vic.
2006 'Spinifex - New Works' Marshall Arts, Adelaide, S.A.
2006 'Art of the Spinifex People' Japingka Gallery, Perth, W.A.
2006 Desert Mob' Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, N.T.
2005 Law and Land Aboriginal Art Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
2004 Spinifex Arts Project Harbour Hse, Zurich, Switzerland
2004 Colour Power- Aboriginal Art post 1984 , NGV, Melbourne
2003 Spinifex Paintings, Raintree Gallery, Darwin NT
2003 Spinifex Arts Project Span Galleries, Melbourne VIC
2002 Putitja Nguru - Art of the Spinifex People Japingka Gallery, Fremantle, W.A.
2001 Flinders Arts Museum, Adelaide, S.A.
2001 Broken Hill City Regional Art Gallery, Broken Hill, N.S.W.
2001 All About Art Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Vic.
2000 Pila Nguru - Art and Song of the Spinifex People Western Australian Museum, Perth, W.A and national tour.

Awards

- 2015 Finalist (Women's Collaborative) 32nd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museums and Art Galleries, Darwin, N.T

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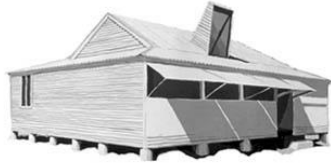


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- 2015 is insider activism at its best, The Conversation, April 22nd
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- 2015 Nicholls, Christine. 2015, Indigenous Australia: enduring civilisation is a challenge to review, The Conversation, 27th April
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Collections

Art Gallery Of South Australia , Adelaide, Sa (Womens Collaborative)
Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra ,Act
Artbank, Australian Government Collection. Australia.
Prince Stefan Of Liechtenstein, Germany.(Womens Collaborate)
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Usa
The British Museum, London, England



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The National Gallery Of Victoria, Melbourne, Vic
The Sims Dickson Collection, Nsw (Collaborative)
University Of Qld Art Museum, Brisbane