

Short St. Gallery

Angela Watson

Born 1966
Language Pitjantjatjara
Region NG Lands



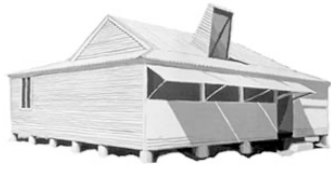
Biography

Angela Watson was born in 1966 in Warburton, a remote community in Western Australia, and is the daughter of Angampa Martin, a renowned Irinytju artist. As a young child, Angela and her family relocated to Pipalyatjara, where she continues to live today. In the early 2000s, the first Aboriginal art studios were set up in the western region of the APY Lands. It was during this time that Angela started her arts practice. Her artworks draw influence from 'tjukurpa' (traditional stories), particularly those of 'Minyma Kutjara' (Two Women Dreaming) and the Mamu Tjukurpa (Spirits Tjukurpa). They are both important stories from her father's country, Irinytju, which lies just over the border from Pipalyatjara in Western Australia.

The Mamu Tjukurpa tells the story of Alkuwari who had to travel a long distance to get food for her tjamu's (grandfather and grandson). In her absence, the boy sets the wiltja on fire where the old man is hidden. Alkuwari rushes back and calls her family to find the boy. They become the Mamu spirits of the six Mamu rockholes, to the South of Irinytju. She works with bold, graphic colour palettes and is notable in her use of both contemporary techniques and composition to tell the traditional story.

Group Exhibitions

2026 Heatwave: Ninuku Women 2026, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
2025 Solo exhibition with Vivien Anderson Gallery -MAMU: MY COUNTRY
2024 Group Show -Womens Show - Vivien Anderson Gallery
2024 Group Show -Yamma Ganu Ninuku Studio
2024 Aboriginal Signature Gallery, Belgium. -Quintessence
2023 Group Exhibition -Crossing Country Artitja Fine Art - South Fremantle
2023 Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth WA -Revealed



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2023 Group Show -Womens Way - Artitja Fine Art - South Fremantle
2023 Group Show - Ninuku Arts -Anangu Jazz - Yaama Ganu Gallery - Moree
2022 Alice Springs -Desert Mob - The Premiere Exhibition of Central and Western Desert Painting and Art
2022 Ninuku Arts Solo Show -Cornerstone - Aboriginal Signature, Belgium
2022 Ninuku Arts Solo Show -Ngyulu Ngura - My Country - Short Street, Broome
2022 A showcase of Central and Western Desert Painting -APY Lands Group Show, Brussels
2022 Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth WA -Revealed
2022 Group Show - MINYMA WIRU TJUTA – All the Lovely Ladies - Artitja Fine Art -South Fremantle
2021 Artitja Fine Art, Earlywork, South Fremantle WA -CULTURAL CONNECTIONS I The Gift of Story
2020 Tarnanthi: Adelaide College of the Arts, Adelaide SA -The Aralya Project
2019 Aruleun Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT -Desert Mob
2019 Art Mob, Hobart TAS -Ninuku Kala
2018 Hazelhurst Gallery, Gympie NSW -Nganampa Kilpil /Our Stars (Tjanpi Desert Weavers)
2016 Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA -Our Mob

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