



# Short St. Gallery



## MARY NAPANGATI

**Born** c.1955  
**Language** Pintupi  
**Region** Western / Central Desert

### Biography

Mary was born near Wilkinkarra (Lake Mackay) circa 1955, and is the third child of four kids and one boy. Her family lived in the vicinity of Lappi Lappi, located towards the northern area of Lake Mackay, until they walked in to the Mt Doreen cattle station west of Yuendumu. By this time Mary was approximately ten years old. Her family walked on the station and the children were driven by truck to attend school at Yuendumu. When the station owner died, the family moved to Yuendumu, where she married, later moving further west of Nyirpi and giving birth to two boys. After her husband passed away Mary remarried the well known Papunya Tula artist Ronnie Tjampitjinpa and moved to Kintore, where she now lives and paints.

### Solo exhibitions

2020 Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, NT  
2022 'Tjutalpi', Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia  
2024. 'Mary Napangati', Scott Liversey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



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## Group exhibitions

2025	'Exists', Museum of World Culture, Gothenburg, Sweden
2025	'Land is Life', Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
2025	'Pintupi Women: Now' Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
2024	'Irititja pululanguru kuwarritja: from the past, and today', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
2023	Irititja Kuwarri Tjunga (Past & Present Together): 50 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, Australian Embassy to the United States of America, Washington DC, USA
2023	'Kutjungkarrinyi – Gathering Together', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
2022	'Community XIII – Recent Paintings' Utopia Art Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
2022	'Fifty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Sydney Contemporary, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
2022	'2022 Desert Mob', Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
2022	'Tjukurrjanu IrititjaTjunta – Belonging to the Dreaming for a long time', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
2021	Community XII – 50 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
2021	'Martupura Tjukurpa – Important Business', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
2021	Vincent Lingjari Art Award – Ngawa-Ngapa-Kapi-Kwatja-Water', Tangentyere Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia
2021	'Irititja Kuwarri Tjunga (Past & Present Together): 50 Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, University of Virginia, USA
2021	'The Pintupi Lifeline', Aboriginal Signature – Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
2020	'Community XI', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
2020	'Papunya Tula 2020', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne Victoria
2020	Desert Stories, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin NT
2019	'Pintupi Show 2019', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs NT.
2019	Lingkitu Ngulula-Still Stong, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin NT
2018	Transcend Generations: Papunya Tula, Art Aborigene du Desert Centreal, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
2017	Annual Pintupi Exhibition, Papunya Tula Artist, NT
2006	Pintupi Art 2006, Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, SA
2006	Narratives Preceding All Memory, Burg Vischering, Luedinghausen, Germany
2005	Rising Stars, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, VIC
2005	Strong and Stately, ReDot Gallery, Singapore



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2004      Pintupi Artist, Papunya Tula Artist, Alice Springs, NT

## Collections

Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art

## Selected Bibliography

'Vincent Lingiari Art Award – Ngawa-Ngapa-Kapi-Kwatja-Water', Exhibition catalogue, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, 2021'