



Short St. Gallery



Dulcie Nanala

Born 1956
Language Group Kukatja / Pintupi
Region Balgo

Dulcie is the daughter of renowned Balgo artist Ningie Nanala and was grown-up by her step-father Tjumbo Tjapanangka (deceased).

She began painting during 1997, and since this time has developed a diverse repertoire of image making. Like her famous parents, Dulcie often paints within the warm desert hues of yellow, orange and red. Primarily, her works relate to that of her parents' country far to the south of Balgo near Wilkinkarra (Lake Mackay), recalling the vast tracks of land with its salt pans, clay pans and plentiful mangarri (bushfoods). Steeped within the Balgo tradition, Dulcie creates beautiful contemporary stylized works that invite the viewer to experience her heritage and country.

Dulcie's father returned to the desert after conflict with the missionaries in Balgo, he reunited with his Pintupi Country and families. They did not reemerge into the 'whitefella world' until the late 1980s, now forever known as the 'Pintupi 9'

Currently, Dulcie along with her extensive family, resides in Balgo. She is a well-respected community member, a primary linguist for this area and continues to create her inspirational artworks.

In 2019 Dulcie was the Warlayirti Artists chairperson, she continues to be an active champion of the Warlayirti Artists.



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Solo Exhibitions

2024 DULCIE: Mamaku Tjukurr (My Father's Place) – Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney

Group Exhibitions

2023 WILKINKARRA: a Warlayirti Project - Tarnanthi, Art Gallery of South Australia
2023 Balgo Survey Show - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney
2022 Ngurra Kutjuwarra I Warlayirti 35th Birthday - Warlayirti Artists gallery, Wirrimanu (Balgo)
2022 Luurnpa (Kingfisher Dreaming) - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney
2020 Palya: Art From The Desert - Purple Noon Gallery NSW
2020 Tarnanthi Art Fair (featured artist) - Lot Fourteen, Adelaide CBD
2020 20|20: 20 Artists from over Australia - Cooee Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2020 Revealed: New and Emerging WA Artists - Fremantle Art Centre, WA
2019 Wirrimanu Balgo Artists - Japingka Aboriginal Art, Fremantle
2017 Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
2016 Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
2016 Kings and Queens - Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree, NSW
2014 Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
2014 Balgo: Past & Present - Cooee Gallery, Sydney
2013 Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin
2013 Marrka Wangka - Warlayirti Artist - Yaama Ganu Gallery & Café Gali, Moree
2013 Convergence - Short St Gallery, Broome
2012 Warlayirti Artists - Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin

Bibliography

2021 Balgo: Creating Country
2013 Kutjungka Palyalatju Eangka: Desert mob stories about good health

Awards

2023 Finalist – Hadley's Art Prize, Hobart (TAS)
2021 Finalist – The Ravenswood Women's Prize, Sydney NSW
2020 Finalist – The Jury Art Prize, Port Hedland WA