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Tjunkiya Napaltjarri

Born	c. 1930 - 2009
Language	Pintupi
Region	Western / Central Desert

Biography

Tjunkiya was born at Rapalangya, north-west of the Kintore Community, c. 1930, and she is the third wife of Turkey Tolson's father. She later moved to Haasts Bluff with her husband and then to the Papunya Community when it was established. She participated in the Kintore/Haasts Bluff joint project, which was the beginning of her career, but now paints solely for Papunya Tula. In 1999 Tjunkiya contributed to the Kintore women's painting as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal.

Tjunkiya passed away in Alice Springs after a brief illness in April 2009.

Solo exhibitions

- 2008 'Tjunkiya Napaltjarri – a new way', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2004 Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2000 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Group exhibitions

- 2018 'Community IX', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2016 'Artist's Hand: Collectors' Eye – The Angel Gift', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2015 'Community VII', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2014 'Apmere – Home', Arthouse Gallery, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea.



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- 2013 'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2012 'Community IV' – Celebrating Forty Years Of Papunya Tula Artists, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2012 'Unique Perspectives – Papunya Tula Artists And The Alice Springs Community', Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2012 'Forty Years of Papunya Tula Artists', Harvey Art Projects USA, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
- 2012 'Papunya Tula Artists: Women Painters from Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.
- 2012 'Classic Works From Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2011 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2011 'land.spirit.song', Harvey Art Projects USA, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
- 2011 '40 Years of Paunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2011 'Papunya Tula Artists: Paintings from the Western Desert' Metropolis Gallery, Geelong,, Victoria, Australia.
- 2010 'Tradition & Innovation - Papunya Tula 2010', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2010 'Colours – from the desert to the factory', Artkelch Collectors Lounge, Schomdorf, Germany.
- 2010 'Papunya Tula Artists: Art of the Western Desert, Harvey Art Projects USA, Sun Valley, Idaho, USA
- 2010 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2010 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara - Belonging To One Country', ReDot Gallery, Singapore.
- 2010 'Recent Paintings', Chapman Gallery, Australian Capital Territory, Australia.
- 2010 'Community', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2010 'Papunya Tula Women's Art', Maitland Regional Gallery, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2009 'Nganana Tjungurringanyi Tjukurpa Nintintjakitja - We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming', 80 Washington Square East Galleries, New York, USA.
- 2009 'Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists', VDMA, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2009 'Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists', Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany.
- 2009 'Community - The Heart Of Papunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2009 'Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists', ArtBar71, Berlin, Germany.
- 2009 'Six Hands', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2009 'Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists', Kunstwerk, Ebergingen-Nussdorf, Germany.



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- 2009 'Painting the Country', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2009 'All About Country: Aboriginal Art from the Central and Western Desert', Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany
- 2009 'Value of Country: Aboriginal Fine Art from the Australian Central and Western Desert', Artkelch, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2008 'Marrkangku Yara Palyantjaku Ngurrangka - Making Strong Paintings At Home', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2008 'The Other Thing - a survey show', Charles Darwin University Art Collection, Darwin, NT, Australia.
- 2008 'Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair,' Convention Centre, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2008 'Virtuosity: The Evolution of Painting at Papunya Tula,' The Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA.
- 2008 'Aboriginal Art – Window to Culture', Artkelch, Australian Embassy, Berlin, Germany.
- 2008 'Papunya Tula Artists 2008', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2008 'Aboriginal Art – Window to Culture', Artkelch, Australian Embassy, Berlin, Germany.
- 2008 'Licht in der Wüste: Aboriginal Art aus der Central und Western Desert', Artkelch at Lichthaus Kirchner, Weinstadt Endersbach, Germany.
- 2007 'Turning 20', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2007 'Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2007 'Recent Paintings 2007', Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2007 'Master Works From Papunya Tula', Birrung Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Australia.
- 2007 'Papunya Tula Women', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- 2007 'Gifted: Contemporary Aboriginal Art, The Mollie Gowing Acquisition Fund', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
- 2007 'Women's Business', Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany.
- 2007 'Papunya Tula 2007', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2007 'Papunya Tula', Short Street Gallery, Broome, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2007 'Tiwa Ngurrara – Strangers?!', Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany.
- 2006 'Yawulyuru kapallu palyara nintilpayi', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2006 'Paintings By Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- 2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2006 'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore.



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- 2006 'Pintupi Art 2006', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 2006 Papunya Tula Artists - Recent Paintings', Harriet Place, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2006 'Papunya Tula Artists 2006', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2006 'Across The Board', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2006 'The Big Picture', Delmar Gallery, Trinity Grammar School, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2005 'Pintupi Art 2005', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 2005 'Strong and Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore.
- 2005 'New Work For A New Space', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2005 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2005 'New Works From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Perth, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2005 'Two Sisters: Tjunkiya and Wintjiya Napaltjarri', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2005 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2005 The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2005 'New Ideas', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2005 'Pintupi Women', Indigenart, Perth, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2004 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2004 33rd Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2004 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 'Ma Yungu/Pass It On', Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2004 'Papunya Tula Artists - 2004', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- 2004 'Works from Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 'Pintupi Art 2004', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 2004 'Kuniya Pilkati', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 'Papunya Tula - Selected Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2003 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2003 'Papunya Tula Artists - A Gift From The Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2003 Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.



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- 2003 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, United Kingdom.
- 2003 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Perth, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2003 20th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, Northern Territory Australia.
- 2003 'Aboriginal Art 2003', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2003 'Recent Paintings By The Women Artists Of Kintore And Kiwirikura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2003 'Pintupi Art 2003', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 2002 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2002 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2002 'Saluting Papunya', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia.
- 2002 'Next Generation - Aboriginal Art 2002'. Art House Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2002 'Paintings From Our Country', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 2002 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Academy of the Arts, University of Tasmania, Australia.
- 2002 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Queensland, Australia.
- 2002 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Brisbane City Gallery, Queensland, Australia.
- 2002 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2002 'Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories', Indigenart, Perth, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2002 'Art Born Of The Western Desert', Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2001 31st Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2001 'Size Doesn't Matter', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Galeria r, Poznan City Gallery, Poland.
- 2001 'Kintore and Kiwirikura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2001 Indigenart, Subiaco, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2001 'Papunya Tula 30th Anniversary Exhibition', Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- 2001 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', The Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.

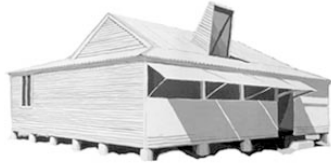


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- 2001 'Two Sisters: Tjunkiya and Wintjiya Napaltjarni', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2001 'Papunya Tula Women', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 2000 'Pintupi Women', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2000 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2000 Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. 2000 Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2000 Papunya Tula 'Genesis and Genius', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- 1999 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, New Horizons 2000, Melbourne. Vic. Australia.
- 1999 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 1999 N.T Art Award, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1999 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Flinders University Art Museum, Flinders University, Bedford Park, South Australia, Australia.
- 1999 Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 1998 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 1997 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 1996 C.A.A.A.C.E., Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1996 Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 1996 Museums & Art Galleries of the N.T. Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1996 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd. Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1996 'Dots', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia.
- 1996 Heritage Art Award, Canberra, A.C.T. Australia.
- 1995 Haasts Bluff/Kintore Project. Tandanya, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Collections

Museums & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Australia.
National Gallery of Victoria, Australia.
Campbelltown City Art Gallery, New South Wales, Australia.
Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia.
Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France.
Artbank.
National Gallery of Australia.
Griffith University Art Collection.
Aboriginal Art Museum, The Netherlands.
Charles Darwin University.
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Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2003', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Masterpieces From The Western Desert', exhibition catalogue, London, United Kingdom, 2003.

Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Painting the Country', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, 2009.

Papunya Tula Artists, 'Nganana Tjungurringanyi Tjukurpa Nintintjakitja - We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming', exhibition catalogue, New York, USA, 2009.

ReDot Gallery, 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara - Belonging To One Country', exhibition catalogue, Singapore, 2010.

Araluen Arts Centre, 'Unique Perspectives – Papunya Tula Artists And The Alice Springs Community', exhibition catalogue, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, 2012.

National Gallery of Victoria, 'Artist's Hand: Collectors' Eye – The Angel Gift'. Exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 2016.