



Short St. Gallery



Rita Watson

Born 1964
Language Pitjantjatjara
Region Alice Springs, NT

Rita Watson was born in 1964 in Warburton, a remote community in Western Australia. She is the daughter of renowned Irunytju artist, Tiuruparu Watson. During her younger years, she spent a lot of time traveling across the NPY Lands, particularly between Irunytju and Amata.

Today she lives in Kalka with her husband and enjoys going out into the bush with the ladies to catch bush tucker, like goanna. Rita has developed a unique interpretation of minyma kutiera (women's story) which is still sung and danced in Irlupa, her father's country. Her symbols, representing women, trees, waterholes, and the resonance of song, have an iconic feel.

Group Exhibitions

2024	Revealed Exhibition - Fremantle Arts Centre
2023	Group show – Tjukurpa – Maitland Regional Gallery
2022	Intergenerational Vibes – Anangu Jazz
2022	The Premiere Exhibition of Central and Western Desert Painting and Art – Desert Mob 2022
2022	Ninuku Arts Solo Show – Cornerstone – Aboriginal Signature, Belgium
2022	Showcase solo exhibition at Tigmi Trading Homewares – Rita Watson – Tigmi Trading, Byron Bay
2020	Sabbia, Sydney - Yaltji Ngurru Ngana munu Yalji kutu ngana ananyi: Where we come from and Where we are going
2020	Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth WA - Revealed



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2019	Tarnanthi: Adelaide College of the Arts, Adelaide SA - The Aralya Project
2019	Jamfactory Craft and Design Centre, Adelaide SA - Walka Waru: Ninuku Kalawatjanga ungu painta
2018	Better World Arts, Adelaide SA-SALA 2018 - South Australian Living Artists Festival
2016	Kala ngura ngayuku Colours of my home/country
2009	New Paintings from the Desert, Centred Art, Queensland
2009	Kulila Nganampa Tjukurpa. Listen to our Stories. Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2009	Celebrating Country: Kingship & Culture, Seymour College Art Show, Adelaide
2009	Alwarawara: Side By Side; Artists from Ninuku Arts, Tjungu Palya and Tjala Arts; Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2008	Our Mob, The Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide
2007	Anangu Backyard, The Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide