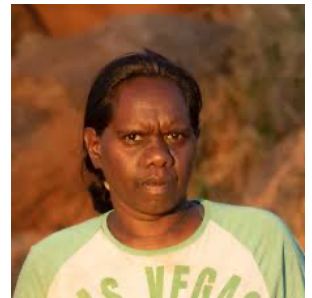


Short St. Gallery

Josina Nyarpingka Pumani

Born 1984
Language Pitjantjatjara
Region Mimili, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands



Biography

Josina is a young Pitjantjatjara woman, who was born in Mimili. Her mother, the late Ngupulya Pumani and her grandmother Kunmanara (Milatjari) Pumani were two of the founders of Mimili Maku Arts. Both women taught Josina much about cultural leadership, but also about the strong connection with their country of Antara (Maku / witchetty grub Tjukurpa). Josina's father is Shannon Kantji, a senior Yankunytjatjara leader.

Josina began painting in 2009, and soon after became an arts worker at Mimili Maku Arts. She supported the senior artists during this time, learning from her Elders whilst developing skills in canvas preparation and studio support. In 2015 Josina moved to Adelaide to further her education. Since her mother's passing in 2019 she has moved back to Mimili to build on the cultural leadership displayed by her mother, supporting her local community and reconnecting with her art practice.

Josina's paintings reflect the painting style she learnt from generations of women in her family, and today she is one of Mimili Maku's brightest rising stars.

Group Exhibitions

2022	Pakalarani – Taking Flight, Short St Gallery, Broome
2022	APY Group Show, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
2021	Ngura Pulka – Epic Country, APY Gallery, Adelaide
2021	Kuwari – The Present, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
2021	Nganampa Walytja: Antara, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne
2021	Ilykuwara, APY Gallery, Adelaide
2021	Tjatu: Doing Things Together – Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2020	tjintungka, Short St Gallery, Broome
2020	Antara – New Generations, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula

2020 Uwangkara, APY Gallery, Adelaide
2019 Summer Salon, APY Gallery, Sydney
2014 *Our Mob Exhibition*, Adelaide Festival, Adelaide 2013 *Our Mob Exhibition*,
Adelaide Festival, Adelaide 2011 *30 under 30*, Mossenson Gallery, Perth
2010 *Mimili Maku*, Puti-pula Gallery, Noosa
2009 *Desert Mob*, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs

Prizes

2022 Paddington Art Prize, Sydney