



Yaritji Young

b. circa 1956, Pukatja (Ernabella), Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yangkuntjatjara (APY) Lands SA, Australia

BIOGRAPHY

Yaritji Young has been painting at Tjala Arts (formerly Minymaku Arts) since late 2000. She is a senior law woman and is committed to fostering law and culture. Yaritji was born in Ernabella (Pukatja), South Australia and now resides in Amata Community SA.

Yaritji Young is a traditional owner for Tjala Tjukurpa, near Amata. She paints the rock holes and landmarks of her country, entwined with icons and traditional marks that relate to inma (dance) and tjukurpa (dreaming). The twisted lines and shapes mimic tunnels and formations made by the tjala honey ant.

'My paintings are of my country: my father's country, my grandmother's country, the tjala country. Everything that my grandmother taught me, I'm teaching to my grandchildren now. They dance because I have shared what I got from my grandmother with my granddaughters, so they can know their culture.'

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - Yaritji Young: Ngayuku Ngura
- 2017 Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne - Yartiji Young: Walytjapitiku Laina

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Finalist 35th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin
- 2018 Jan Murphy Gallery - Brisbane - Seven Sisters Exhibition
- 2018 Art Gallery of New South Wales - The Wynne Prize
- 2018 Art Gallery of South Australia - Divided Worlds, Adelaide Biennial of Art
- 2017 TARNANTHI FESTIVAL - Art Gallery of South Australia Indigenous Art Salon 2017 Finalist 34th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin
- 2017 Art Gallery of New South Wales - The Wynne Prize
- 2016 Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels - Gems from the desert by Aboriginal Signature Estrangin
- 2016 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Art Centre, Sydney - Nganampa Kililpil: Our Stars 2016 Finalist 33rd Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin
- 2016 Art Gallery of New South Wales - Wynne Prize
- 2016 Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney - 2016 Seven Sisters
- 2015 Short Street Gallery, Broome - Kwarila Tjunguringayi - All together now
- 2015 OutStation Gallery, Darwin - Tjukurpa, Ngura, Waltja - Culture, Country, Family
- 2014 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2013 Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2013 Finalist 30th Telstra National Indigenous Art Award MAGNT, Darwin
- 2013 Outstation Gallery Darwin - APY Lands Survey Exhibition 2013 Aboriginal & Pacific Art - Sydney

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- 2013 Tjukurpa nganampa kunpu kanyintjaku: Stories that keep culture strong 2013 Outstation Gallery Darwin - Kunpu Pulka – Strong and Important
- 2013 Marshall Arts Gallery Adelaide - Manta wirunya mulapa. This beautiful Earth
- 2012 Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney - Tjungu Kutju-tu (Together As One)
- 2012 Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts: New Work
- 2012 RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs - Punu Ngura - From the trees
- 2012 Short St Gallery, Broome - One Song Different Tune
- 2012 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Ngura ngura munu malaku ngura kutu - From home and returning home
- 2011 Marshall Arts, Adelaide - Tjala Arts New Works
- 2011 Chapman Gallery, Canberra - Tjala Arts New Paintings
- 2011 Short St Gallery, Broome - Tjala Artists 2011
- 2011 ARTKELCH, Leipzig, Germany - Pro Community – Western APY Lands
- 2011 Aboriginal & Pacific Art, Sydney - Ngura wiru mulapa (Beautiful Country)
- 2011 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Nganampa Kampatjanka Uungutja- Beneath our Canvas
- 2011 Raft Artspace, Alice Springs - I Hold My Fathers Story. I Hold My Mothers Story
- 2011 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne - Emerging Artists from Tjala Arts & Kaltjiti Arts
- 2010 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Tjukurpa kunpu nganana kanyini pulka – Our stories, we hold strong
- 2010 Araleun Galleries, Alice Springs - Desert Mob
- 2010 RAFT Art Space, Alice Springs - APY & NPY Survey Exhibition
- 2009 Outstation Gallery, Darwin - Tjala Arts Group Show
- 2004 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award MAGNT Darwin
- 2004 Flinders University Adelaide - Looking after country: Manta Atunymankunyja
- 2004 Fremantle Arts Centre, WA - 29th Annual Shell Fremantle Print Award
- 2003 Raintree Gallery, Darwin - Ngura-Tjanpi Desert Spinifex Country; works by Anangu Pitjantjatjara artists

AWARDS

- 2018 Wynne prize finalist
- 2018 Telstra Prize Finalist
- 2017 Wynne Prize Finalist
- 2017 Telstra Prize Finalist
- 2016 Wynne Prize Winner
- 2013 Telstra Prize Finalist

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2003 Sotheby's Marn Grook Auction, Museum of Contemporary Art
- 2014 Hope in the Red Heart, The Advertiser - Sally Brooks - 17 August
- 2015 Ken Family work on show OutStation Gallery, The Australian - Nicholas Rothwell - 22 May

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