



# Katjarra Butler

b. 1946, Tjukurla WA, Australia

## BIOGRAPHY

Katjarra Butler is renowned for her wide luscious brush strokes and innovative style. Her artistic process, often involving the application of numerous layers of paint, builds a fullness and depth distinctive in her work. Katjarra combines traditional symbols in a highly contemporary rendering of Ngaanyatjarra stories, culture, and landscape.

Katjarra was born near Tjukurla, WA (c 1946) and grew up in the bush, and lived a traditional nomadic life with her extended family group. She often paintings the waterholes at a sacred site near her home. Kuun is the name for yellow ochre. There is also a place very close to Kuun that Katjarra refers to as her home and it is one of her tjukurpa or dreaming which she paints. It is called Kuurrmankutja. This place is home to the two kuniya (python) dreaming. The other dreaming that she paints is Marrapinti.

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Tjarlirli Rocks, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2020-21 MERRY-GO-ROUND, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 New Aquisitions - National Museum of Australia, Australia
- 2020 Tjukurrpalampatju - Our stories, Art Mob, Hobart, Australia
- 2020 Tjukurla Masters, Yaama Ganu, Moree NSW, Australia
- 2020 Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin Univeristy Art Gallery, Darwin, Australia
- 2020 London Art Fair, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 Group Women's Show, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2019 Desert Mob 2019, Australia
- 2019 Group Womens Show, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2019 Adazzle, JGM Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 Hanging Valley Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2018 Summer Salon - Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, Australia
- 2018 Port Hedland Art Award - Finalist, Australia
- 2018 Desert Mob 2018, Australia
- 2018 Albany Art Prize - Finalist, Albany WA, Australia
- 2018 The Alice Prize, Finalist - Alice Springs, Australia
- 2018 The Womens Show, Vlvien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 Summer Salon, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, Australia
- 2017 Ng Salon, Tarnanthi Fetsival, Raft Artspace & Hanging Valley, Praxis Gallery, Australia
- 2017 Ngurra: Home on the Ngaanyatjarra lands, South Australia Museum TARNANTHI, Australia
- 2017 Port Hedland Art Award - Finalist, Australia
- 2017 Desert Mob 2017, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, Australia
- 2017 Salon Des Refuses, CDU, Darwin, Australia
- 2017 Minyma Mayatja, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 Tjukurla Tjukurrpa, Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney, Australia

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- 2017 The Womens Show, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 Wala Wingki, Raft South, Hobart, Australia
- 2016 Whos Afraid of Colour?, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia
- 2016 Power.Colour.Story, Harvey Art Projects, USA
- 2016 Sag mir wo die Punkte sind..., ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
- 2016 Sehverlust und Sinneslust, ARTKELCH, Germany
- 2016 art Karlsruhe 2016, ARTKELCH @ art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2016 WINNER Wyndam Art Prize 2016, Australia
- 2016 PRO COMMUNITY – Ngaanyatjarra Lands, touring exhibition, ARTKELCH, Germany
- 2015 Palya, Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2015 Desert Mob 2015, Araluen Gallery, Alice Springs, Australia
- 2015 Recent Works from Tjarlirli Art- RAFT Artspace, Australia
- 2015 Western Desert Mob- Paintings from Tjarlirli and Warakurna- Harvey Art Projects US
- 2014 Warakurna Artists and Tjarlirli Art- Vivien Anderson Gallery, Australia
- 2014 Our Home in Colour- Outstation, Australia
- 2013 The Wild Ones, Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, Australia
- 2013 DesertMob 2013, Australia
- 2013 Harvey Arts Projects USA, Sun Valley, Australia
- 2013 Tjarlirli Art: In Profile, Marshall Arts, Australia
- 2012 Desert Mob 2012, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT, Australia
- 2011 Tjarlirli Artists - William Mora Gallery Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 Short Street Gallery, Broome, Australia
- 2010 Group Exhibition - Chapman Gallery, Canberra, Australia
- 2010 DesertMob, 2010, Australia
- 2010 Seniors and Emerging - Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River, Australia
- 2010 National Australian Indigenous Art Award, Darwin, Australia
- 2010 Western Desert Mob Print Show, Nomad, Darwin, Australia
- 2009 Group Exhibition - Randall Lane Fine Art, Perth, Australia
- 2008 Group Exhibition - William Mora Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2007 "Big Country" Gondwana Gallery Alice Springs, Australia

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2018 Alice Art Prize, Alice Springs - Finalist
- 2018 Port Headland Art Prize - Finalist
- 2018 Albany Art Prize - Finalist
- 2017 Port Hedland Art Award - Finalist
- 2016 Wyndham Art Prize - Winner

## COLLECTIONS

Araluen Arts Centre Collection  
Lepley Collection  
National Gallery of Victoria  
Sims Dickson Collection

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South Australian Museum  
W&V McGeoch Collection  
Wyndum City Council Collection  
Australian Catholic University Collection  
National Museum of Australia  
Museum Fünf Kontinente, München, Germany

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- 2008 Johnson, V. 2008, Lives of the Papunya Tula Artists, IAD Press, Alice Springs NT  
2012 Art of the Lands - Tim Acker, John Carty

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