

KANYA TJAPANGATI

Kanya Tjapangati was born at the site of Pamatjatunya, which is west of the Jupiter Well area in Western Australia circa 1951. His father had three wives and was the older brother of the well known Papunya Tula Artist, Pinta Pinta Tjapanangka. Charlie Tjapangati and Nanyuma Napangati are also closely related to Kanya, sharing the same father but different mothers. He travelled in to Papunya with Jeremy Long by truck on one of the last government patrols in the area. Kanya commenced painting for Papunya Tula Artists in 1981 and in 1999 contributed to the Kiwirrkura mens' painting as part of the Western Desert Dialysis Appeal. Kanya passed away in the Alice Springs hospital in December 2006.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2003 'Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 1981 Anvil Art Gallery, Albury, New South Wales, Australia.
- 1982 Brisbane Festival, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- 1983 Roar Studios, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 1984 'Paintings From The Central Australian Desert', The Mori Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 1986 Aboriginal Arts Australia, Canberra, A.C.T. Australia.
- 1990 Friendly Country - Friendly People, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1992 Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1993 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia.
- 1993 Gallerie Australis, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 1993 Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1993 Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1993 Chapman Gallery, Manuka, Canberra, A.C.T. Australia.
- 1994 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, Queensland, Australia.
- 1994 Chapman Gallery, Manuka, Canberra, A.C.T. Australia.
- 1995 Groninger Museum, Groninger, The Netherlands.
- 1995 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd., Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 1995 Chapman Gallery, Manuka, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- 1995 Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 1996 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd., (Fringe Festival), Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.
- 1997 Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia.
- 1998 'Dreamings', Vlaams-Europeesch Conferentiecentrum, Brussels, Belgium.
- 1999 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Flinders University Art Museum, Flinders University, Bedford Park, South Australia, Australia.
- 2000 17th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2000 'Pintupi Men', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2001 Musee des Beaux Arts et d'Archeologie de Vienne, France.
- 2001 'Art of the Pintupi', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

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- 2001 'Kintore, Kiwirrkura', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', The Araluen Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2001 'Aboriginal Art 2001', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Pintupi Exhibition', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2001 'Size Doesn't Matter', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, 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 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2002 'Twenty Five Years And Beyond - Papunya Tula Painting', Brisbane City Gallery, Queensland, Australia.
- 2002 'Aboriginal Art 2002', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2002 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2002 'Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories', Indigenart, Subiaco, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2002 'Art Born Of The Western Desert', Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2002 32nd Alice Prize, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2002 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2003 'Ab Op 2 - Exploring The Visual Intensity Of Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Utopia Art, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2003 'Aboriginal Art 2003', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2003 'Kintore-Kiwirrkura 2003', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2003 'Pintupi Art From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Subiaco, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2003 'Papunya Tula Artists - A Gift From The Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2003 'Pintupi Artists', Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2004 'Papunya Tula - Selected Paintings', William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 'Works from Kintore and Kiwirrkura', Alison Kelly Gallery, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 'Talking About Abstraction', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
- 2004 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2004 'Looking Closely At Country', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.
- 2005 'Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2005 22nd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2005 'Aboriginal Art 2005', Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2005 'Aboriginal Vision In Contemporary Australian Art', Wright Exhibition Space, Seattle, Washington, USA.
- 2006 'Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- 2006 'Across The Board', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2006 'Aboriginal Art 2006', Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2006 Togart Contemporary Art Exhibition, Supreme Court, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
- 2006 'Pintupi', Hamiltons Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

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2006 'PTA', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
2006 'A Particular Collection', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
2006 'Pintupi Dreamtime', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore.
2006 'Paintings By Papunya Tula Artists', Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
2009 'Papunya Tula Classics', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
2011 '40 Years of Paunya Tula Artists', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
2013 'Community V', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

COLLECTIONS:

National Gallery of Australia.
Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, Darwin, N.T.
Robert Holmes a Court Collection
Art Gallery of Western Australia
Art Gallery of South Australia.
Groninger Museum, The Netherlands.
The Kelton Foundation Collection.
N.T. Art Award Permanent Collection.
Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia.

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Scott Livesey Galleries, 'Aboriginal Art 2006', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
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Hamiltons Gallery, 'Pintupi', exhibition catalogue, London, United Kingdom, 2006.

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