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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Doris Bush Nungarrayi



Birth Date: 1942

Birth Place: Haasts Bluff, NT

Language: Luritja

Luritja artist Doris (Darinji) Bush Nungarrayi was born in Haasts Bluff/Ikuntji circa 1942. Her father was Warlpiri, and came in to the ration depot from his country west of Nyrripi and around Kintore after the birth of Doris's eldest brother Wirri Tjungurrayi. Her mother Yalkutjari Nakamarra was a Pintupi woman from the Kintore region whose father was 'boss' for the Kintore region and is buried there. Doris is a contraction of Dorothy - she is also known by her bush name Darinji. She had a younger sister also called Dorothy (b1952) whose bush name was Danisa.

Doris grew up at Haasts Bluff where she met and married George Bush Tjangala, a Luritja/Amnatyerre speaking man whose family came from just west of Alice Springs. Together they had three sons, Kenny, Christopher, and Simon. Doris has six grandchildren; granddaughters Stephanie, Benita, Verina and Chelsea-Anne and grandsons Gavin and Joshua.

George Bush was one of Papunya Tula Artists' original shareholders, though he did not paint much for the company apart from a brief period in the early 1980s. In the mid 1980's the family went to live on an outstation at Nulyumanu in Doris's mother's country out towards the WA/NT border. Later the couple divided their time between Papunya and Alice Springs, where George painted for the 'government gallery' (Centre for Aboriginal Artists and Craftsmen) in Alice Springs.

Doris's only surviving sibling, her brother Willy Nakanbala, lives in Papunya. After her husband's death in 1997, Doris spent increasing amounts of time in Papunya. Doris was a familiar figure in some of the Aboriginal art galleries of Alice Springs, asking for canvas and paints, although she received no encouragement.

After Papunya Tjupi Arts was established in Papunya in late 2007, Doris quickly became one of the most prolific and enthusiastic painters in the community and is usually the first to arrive each morning when - or even before - the doors open. In March/April 2012 she had her own solo exhibition at Damien Minton Gallery in Redfern Sydney, the first artist to do so under the auspices of Papunya Tjupi.

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Doris paints Nyunmanu and the traditional Tjukurrpa (Dreaming) of this place, Dingo Dreaming. She also paints vivid memories, stories and dreams from her life, with her work often telling happy stories from her early days in Ikuntji and at Ulumbaru, near Papunya - eating, hunting and swimming with her friends and family in the bush. Doris' works embody her nature of a true storyteller with her expressive style, bold use of colour and recognisable motifs. Doris is renowned as one of the most prolific and enthusiastic artists in the community and is usually the first to arrive each morning when - or even before - the doors open.

Finalist in the TELSTRA National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (2020), Bayside Acquisitive Art Prize (2019) and shortlisted in the Alice Art Prize (2018), her work is held in the Artbank Collection, Macquarie Bank Collection, University of Western Sydney Collection, The Hassall Collection and private collections internationally. In 2021 she was commissioned by the Art Gallery of South Australia, to create a special series of paintings to feature in the 2021 Tarnanthi exhibition.

Solo Exhibitions

2022 Doris Bush Nungarrayi: Ulumbaru: the place where I grew up, Everywhen Artspace, Flinders, VIC

2022 Doris Darinji Bush Nungarrayi, Short Street, Broome, WA

2019 Darinytjiku Alatji: RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs, NT

2016 Doris Bush Nungarrayi: Papa Tjukurrpa: RAFT South, Tasmania

2013 Beyula Puntungka Napanangka and Doris Bush Nungarrayi: Two Person Show, Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne, VIC

2012 Doris Bush Nungarrayi: This is a Love Story: Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney, NSW

Group Exhibitions

2022 Winter Salon 2022, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2022 In Black +White, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2022 The Summer Collector's Show 2022, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2021 Tarnanthi Exhibition: Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA

2021 Nganganyi (Seeing), Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2021 Desert Mob 30: Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT

2021 Kapi Walpa Wangkanyi: RAFT artspace, Alice Springs, NT

2021 Summer Salon 2021, Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA

2021 Winter Salon 2021, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2020 Tarnanthi 2020 Art Fair - AGSA : Lot 14, North Terrace, Adelaide

2020 Cultural Connections - The Gift of Story : Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle

2020 Desert Mob 2020 Exhibition: Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs

2020 Telstra NATSIAA: MAGNT, Darwin

2020 In Black + White, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2020 Kungka Ngaranyi, Online Viewing Room, Papunya Tjupi, Papunya, NT

2020 In Black + White, Everywhen Artspace, Flinders, VIC

2020 Ngurrangka palyanu – making from home, Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT

2020 Every Painting has Tjukurrpa: Contemporary Paintings by Women of the Desert, Michael Reid Berlin, Germany

2020 Tjupi Taanu Revisited: RAFT artspace, Alice Springs, NT

2020 I Know My Country, Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA

2020 Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020, Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney, NSW

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2019 Kuwarritja – now/newness, Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
2019 Back To The Desert — Neue Werke Von Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKELCH - Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Germany
2019 Regeneration, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC
2019 About Country: Talapi, Alice Springs, NT
2019 Bayside Acquisitive Art Prize, Finalist Exhibition, Bayside Gallery, Brighton, VIC
2019 Kungka mankurrapakunu warrka : Aboriginal and Pacific Art
2019 Stories from the Beginning : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
2019 Colours of My Country : EVERYWHEN Artspace, McCulloch & McCulloch, Flinders, VIC
2018 Tarnanthi : Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide
2018 Tjupi Boards: Kulinyi Tjilpi Tjutanya : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs
2018 Desert Mob Exhibition 2018 : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2018 Darwin Art Fair 2018 : Darwin, AUS
2018 Inyani Mantakutu – Light Becomes Sand : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2018 Ngayuku: Belonging : Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney
2018 Papunya Tjupi Works 2018 : Honey Ant Gallery with Incinerator Art Space, Sydney.
2018 Papunya Tjupi: New Work : JGM Art, London UK
2018 A Sense of Place 2018, McCulloch & McCulloch Whistlewood Gallery, Shoreham VIC
2017 Twelve: Contemporary Aboriginal Works on paper : Koskela, Sydney NSW
2017 Desert Mob Exhibition 2017 : Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs NT
2017 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2017 : Darwin, NT
2017 Tjupi Taanu (When the Honey Ant Bursts) : Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
2017 Puri: New Shade : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2017 Farben den Wüste : ARTKELCH @ Teppichhaus Jordan, Waldshut-Tiengen, Germany
2017 ArtKelch presents Papunya Tjupi at Art Karlsruhe : Karlsruhe Trade Fair Centre, Germany
2017 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016 The Power of Naivity : Art Kelch, Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, Germany
2016 Dont you tell me... : Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2016 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2016 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
2016 Keepers of Place: New Works from Papunya Tjupi : McCulloch & McCulloch, 45Downstairs, Melbourne
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : RMIT Gallery, Melbourne
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
2016 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016 Remember Me. Stories in Print. : AAMU, Museum of Contemporary Aboriginal Art, The Netherlands
2015 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries, Sydney
2015 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2015 Desert Dreaming : Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
2015 New Narratives: Papunya Tjupi Prints with Cicada Press 2006-2014 : Kluge-Ruhe Museum – UVa Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
2014 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2014 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre
2014 Seoul – Sydney: Contemporary Korean and Australian Prints : UNSW Galleries, Sydney
2014 Kungka Tjutaku Wititjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries
2014 Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
2013 Papunya Tjupi: New Work : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
2013 New Paintings from Papunya Tjupi Arts : JGM Art Ltd, London
2013 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs

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2013 Salon des Refuses : The Old Bank, Darwin
2013 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2013 Papunya Tjupi : Chapman Gallery Canberra
2013 Seoul Korean Art Fair : Seoul, Korea
2013 Kapingka punganyinka Tjupi tjutarringanyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
2013 ArtStage Singapore : ArtStage Singapore, Mossenson Galleries
2012 Papunya Tjupi Artists : ADAIA and Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles, Paris, France
2012 Papunya Tjupi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
2012 Keating Speech : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
2012 Desert Rhythm - Artists of Papunya Tjupi : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2012 Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2011 UNSW International Showcase : UNSW Kensington, Sydney
2011 Papunya Tjupi: Generations : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2011 Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKelch Gallery, Germany
2011 Papunya Tjupi Artists : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
2011 Papunya Tjupi : Mina Mina Gallery, Queensland
2011 New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts : Nomad Arts, Canberra and Darwin
2011 Kuwarritja Tjutaku Papunya Tjupinya : Chapman Gallery Canberra
2011 Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2011 AUS DEM LAND DER HONIGAMEISE/From the Land of the Honey Ant : ARTKelch Gallery, Germany
2010 Tjukurrpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2010 Papunya Tjupi Arts Group Exhibition : Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
2010 Papunya Power : ArtMob, Hobart
2010 Desert Stories Papunya Tjupi Now : Gecko Gallery, Broome
2010 Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2010 Art of Women : Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
2009 Papunya Tjupi Group Show : Gecko Gallery, Broome
2009 Papunya Tjupi : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
2009 Kalipinya : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2009 Introducing Papunya Tjupi and Ampilatwatja : Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
2009 Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
2009 Building Papunya Tjupi : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
2008 Were talking about Papunya again : Art Mob, Hobart

Awards

2021 Telstra NATSIAA Finalist, Darwin
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2019 Bayside Acquisitive Art Prize, Finalist
2018 Alice Prize, Shortlisted

Collections

ALISON AND PETER W. KLEIN COLLECTION, KUSTWERK SAMMLUNG KLEIN, GERMANY
ARTBANK
MAQUARIE BANK COLLECTION
THE HASSALL COLLECTION
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY