

EVERYWHEN ART ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Yurpiya Lionel



Birth Date	6/11/1960
Birth Place	Donald's Well, near Kenmore Park
Language	Pitjantjatjara

Yurpiya was born at the homeland Donald's Well, near Kenmore Park, about 45 kms east of Ernabella. She is the daughter of Pantjiti Lionel, a very senior Pitjantjatjara woman and artist. Her family lived in Ernabella where she attended school. In 2004 Yurpiya started painting at Ernabella Arts and is now a leader of the women's painting studio. She has three children and several grandchildren - her daughters Rachael and Alison Lionel are rising stars of the painting and ceramic studios.

Yurpiya is also a very accomplished fibre sculptor and weaver. In 2011 her work was acquired by the University of Newcastle. In 2015 Yurpiya was a finalist in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, and in 2018 she was a finalist in the Wynne Prize.

In 2017 she exhibited alongside her two daughters and her mother in *The Lionel family - Tjukurpa titutjura kunpu ngaranytjaku (Keeping our tjukurpa strong forever.)*

In 2018 Sabbia Gallery featured her work at Sydney Contemporary. In the same year, her paintings were exhibited in *APY LANDS LA: Central Desert Painters of Australia in Los Angeles.*

In 2020 she participated in *Nganampa ngura-nguru nyurampa ngurakutu (From our place to your place)* at Aboriginal Signature in Brussels.

Yurpiya continues to exhibit both nationally and internationally.

Group Exhibitions

2021 Caress the Earth : Manta Ngura Atuntju Kanyini - Aboriginal Signature, Bruxelles, Belgium

2021 Three Ladies from Ernabella : Mynyma Mankurpa Ernabella la Nguru - Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula, VIC

2021 Ernabella Arts Group Exhibition - Outstation, Darwin, NT

2021 Ananyi Nyurakutu- Going Home - Artitja Fine Art Gallery, South Fremantle, WA

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2021 Flying Colours - Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
2020 Tarnarhi Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art: Open Hands - Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
2020 Desert Mob 2020 - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2020 Nganampa Tjukurpa Ananyi Kakarara (Our Stories Going East) - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
2020 Flying Colours - Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
2020 Nganampa ngura-nguru nyurampa ngurakutu (From our place to your place) - Aboriginal Signature, Brussels, Belgium
2019 Together we tell our stories : Indigenous Glass, Ceramics, Fibre + Canvas - Sabbia Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2019 Wanapari - in a line, following one another - JamFactory Craft and Design Centre, Adelaide, VIC
2019 ReGeneration: Showing, teaching, passing down. - Everywhen Space, McCulloch and McCulloch, VIC
2019 Desert Mob 2019 - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT
2019 An Idea Needing to be Made: Contemporary Ceramics - Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen, VIC
2019 About Country - Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs, NT
2019 APY LANDS LA: Central Desert Painters of Australia - Olsen Gruin, Los Angeles, USA
2019 Anangu uwankara tjunguringkula pukulpa nyinama | Anangu happily sitting and working together - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2018 Sydney Contemporary - Sabbia Gallery at Carriageworks
2018 Desert Mob 2018 - Araluen Art Centre
2017 Nyuyuntjaku - Keeping the fire alive | New paintings and ceramics by the artists of Ernabella Arts - Harvey Arts, USA
2017 In These Hands: Mara Nyangangka - Sturt Gallery, Mittagong NSW
2017 Farben der Wüste - ARTKELCH @ Teppichhaus Jordan, Waldshut-Tiengen, Germany
2017 FINALISTS. 1997 – 2017 - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2017 Desert Mob 2017 - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
2017 Spirited - Kurunitja - Short Street Gallery, Broome, WA
2017 The Lionel Family: Tjukurpa tititjura ngaranyjaku | Keeping our Tjukurpa strong forever - Tunbridge Gallery, Subiaco
2017 Inuntjii – Regeneration - Aboriginal Signature • Estrangin gallery, Bruxelles, BELGIUM
2017 Nganampa Kililpi Kuwartija Tjuta pakani: Our Rising Stars II - Hazelhurst Regional Community Gallery, NSW
2017 Relative Colours - Aboriginal Contemporary, Sydney, NSW
2016 Nganampa Kililpil: Our Stars - Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre
2016 Nganampa Kililpi Kuwartija Tjuta pakani: Our Rising Stars - Hazelhurst Regional Community Gallery, NSW
2016 Inheritance - Salt Contemporary, Queenscliff, VIC
2016 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre
2016 Tradition and Innovation - Parcours des Mondes, Paris, France
2016 Kuwaritja: APY kakarara guru | New work from the Eastern APY Lands - Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2016 The Blooming Desert - Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
2015 Tjukurpa Kunpu / Strong Culture: HOLIDAY SHOW 2015-2016 - Harvey Art Projects, USA
2015 Dots, Dots, Dots und die Punkte des Holzwurms - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2015 Ausblick – Einblick - ARTKELCH, Freiburg, Germany
2015 art Karlsruhe 2015 - Karlsruhe, Germany
2015 Artisans in the Gardens - Lion Gate Lodge, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
2015 Desert Mob - Araluen Arts Centre
2015 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Awards - Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin NT
2015 Paysages Aborigènes incarnés de l'APY land (Incarnated Aboriginal landscape from the APY lands) - Aboriginal Signature, Brussels
2015 Kuruntu mukuringkula kulira palyantja (Stories straight from the heart) - Short Street Gallery, Broome
2015 Rising Stars - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
2014 APY 7 - Raft ArtSpace, Alice Springs NT

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2014 PRO COMMUNITY – Eastern APY Lands - touring exhibition ARTKELCH @ ARTKELCH, Freiburg, @ Staatliches Völkerkundemuseum, München, @ ARTKELCH Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, @ Fabrik der Künste, Hamburg und @ Draenert Orangerie, Immenstaad (Lake Constance), Germany
2014 art Karlsruhe 2014 - ARTKELCH @ art Karlsruhe 2014, Karlsruhe, Germany
2014 Desert Mob 2014 - Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs NT
2014 Pilanypa - Harvey Art Projects, Idaho USA
2014 Desert Colour - Talapai Gallery, Alice Springs NT
2013 Desert Mob 2013 - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
2013 APY Lands Survey Exhibition - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
2013 Australian Vision, NAIDOC 2013 - Australian High Commission, Singapore in conjunction with Redot Gallery
2013 Nyinnga (The Cold Time of the Year) - Harvey Art Projects, Idaho USA
2013 Putitja - Strathnairn Gallery, Canberra ACT
2012 Tjukurpa Mulapa (True Stories) - Redot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
2012 Kapi Ukalinganyi - Aboriginal and Pacific Art Gallery, Sydney NSW
2012 Tjamuku Kamiku Tjukurpa - Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
2012 Ngapartji Ngapartji - Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT
2011 Tjukurpa Irititja, Walka Kuwaritja - Marshall Arts, Adelaide SA
2011 Ernabella Arts Kuwari - Ernabella Arts Now - Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT
2011 Desert Mob - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs NT
2011 Tjukurpa nyangatja nganala unngu ngaranyi - Aboriginal and Pacific Art, Sydney NSW
2011 Ernabella Undiscovered - Tunbridge Gallery, Margaret River WA
2011 Ngura Kutju, Tjukurpa Pulkatjara - Short St Gallery, Broome WA
2010 Ngura Nganampa tjulpu wirutjara munu kapi wala wirutjara - Outstation Gallery, Darwin, NT
2010 Recent Paintings - Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT
2010 Ara irititja munu ara kuwaritja Ernabella-la - Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
2010 Our Mob - Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
2010 Ngura Nganampa (Our Country) - JamFactory Contemporary Craft, Adelaide SA
2009 Anangu Backyard - Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide, SA
2008 Nganampa Tjukurpa (Our stories) - Indigenart (Mossenson Galleries), Perth, WA
2008 Nganampa warka wiru (Our work is beautiful) - Cudgegong Gallery, Gulgong, NSW
2008 Desert Mob (with Tjanpi Desert Weavers) - Araluen Cultural Centre, Alice Springs, NT

Collections

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Awards

2020 Waterhouse Natural Science Art Prize, Finalist
2018 Wynne Prize, Finalist
2015 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Finalist
2007 Special Mention, Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs