

EVERYWHEN ART ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Josina Nyarpingka Pumani



Birth date:1984

Birthplace: Mimili, APY Lands, SA

Language: Pitjantjatjara

Josina is a young Pitjantjatjara woman who was born in Mimili. Her mother, the late Ngupulya Pumani and her grandmother Kunmanara (Milatjari) Pumani were two of the founders of Mimili Maku Arts. Both women taught Josina much about cultural leadership, but also about the strong connection with their country of Antara (Maku /witchetty grub Tjukurpa). Josina's father was Kunmanara (Shannon) Kantji, a senior Yankunytjatjara leader.

Josina began painting in 2009, and soon after became an arts worker at Mimili Maku Arts. She supported the senior artists during this time, learning from her Elders whilst developing skills in canvas preparation and studio support. In 2015 Josina moved to Adelaide to further her education. Since her mother's passing in 2019 she has moved back to Mimili to build on the cultural leadership displayed by her mother, supporting her local community and reconnecting with her art practice.

Josina's paintings reflect the painting style she learnt from generations of women in her family, and today she is one of Mimili Maku's brightest rising stars. She has exhibited in a number of group shows.

Group Exhibitions

2023 itjanu – flourishing, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery Brussels, Belgium

2022 pakalarani – taking flight, Short St Gallery, Broome

2022 APY Group Show, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2021 Ngura Pulka – Epic Country, APY Gallery, Adelaide

2021 kuwari – the present, Aboriginal Signature Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

2021 Nganampa Walytja: Antara, Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne

2021 ilykuwara, APY Gallery, Adelaide

2021 Tjatu, Short St Gallery, Broome

2020 Uwangkara, APY Gallery, Adelaide

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2020 tjintungka, Short St Gallery, Broome

2020 Antara – New Generations, Everywhen Artspace, Mornington Peninsula

2019 Summer Salon, APY Gallery, Sydney

2014 Our Mob Exhibition, Adelaide Festival, Adelaide

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2011 30 under 30, Mossenson Gallery, Perth

2010 Mimili Maku, Puti-pula Gallery, Noosa

2009 Desert Mob, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs

Prizes & Awards

2021 Paddington Art Prize, Sydney