



Warlimpirnga Tjapaltjarri

Warlimpirnga Tjapaltjarri came in to Kiwirrkura in 1984. Prior to this he had been living in country to the west of Lake Mackay along with eight other members of his immediate family. It was estimated that at the time of the family's arrival in Kiwirrkura he was 25 years old. Warlimpirnga's paintings depict undulating landscapes appearing to oscillate and move with visual energy. He generates this effect by painting patterned backgrounds on which he meticulously adds tight, meandering lines composed of thousands of dots. These lines and switchbacks correspond to mythical stories about the Pintupi, the Aboriginal group of which he is a member, and the formation of the desert in which they live. Fred R Meyers, an anthropologist who has studied the Pintupi and their art, states that the way that the lines and curves tell the stories remains mostly a mystery. "The paintings operate more like mnemonic devices than like representations of a narrative."

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *Mapamtjarra*, Salon 94 Bowery, New York, NY
- 2014 *George Tjungurrayi - Warlimpirnga Tjapaltjarri*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
- 2009 *Warlimpirnga Tjapaltjarri - Patrick Tjungurrayi*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
- 1988 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Aus.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Mapa Wiya (Your Map's Not Needed): Australian Aboriginal Art from the Fondation Opale*, Menil Foundation, Houston TX
From Works from the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of the University of Virginia and the Collection of Steve Martin and Anne Stringfield, Gagolian Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 *Annual Pintupi Exhibition*, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Desert Mob 2017, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Papunya Tula Artists – A Survey, Paul Johnstone Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
New – The Latest From Kiwirrkura, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
- 2016 *From the Western Desert*, James Makin Gallery, Victoria, Aus.
Aux origines de l'art, Aboriginal Signature – Estrangin Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2015 *No Boundaries: Aboriginal Australian Contemporary Abstract Painting*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
- 2014 *The 38th Alice Prize*, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Abstraction, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
RETICULATION – A Multi Authored Survey Of The USU Art Collection, Verge Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Parcours des Mondes, Arts d'Australie, Stéphane Jacob, Paris, France
- 2013 *Travelling Through Country*, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Painting Now – Papunya Tula Artists, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Salon des refusés, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.

- Desert Mob 2013*, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
George Tjungurrayi, Ronnie Tjampitjinpa & Warlimpirnga Tjapaltjarri, ReDot Fine Art Gallery, Singapore
Recent Works, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Community V, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
Papunya Tula Artists – Masters Of The Western Desert Of Australia, Harvey Art Projects USA, Sun Valley, ID
- 2012 *Classic Works From Papunya Tula Artists*, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
dOCUMENTA (13), Kassel, Germany
Visual Rhythm, Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
Desert Mob 2012, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Tjukurpa Ngaatjanya Maru Kamu Tjulkura - Dreaming In Black And White, ReDot Gallery, Singapore.
PTA 40th Anniversary Show, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Unique Perspectives – Papunya Tula Artists And The Alice Springs Community, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Community IV – Celebrating Forty Years Of Papunya Tula Artists, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Papunya Tula: Works On Paper, Art Gallery Of New South Wales, Sydney, Aus.
- 2011 *Art Karlsruhe 2011*, Karlsruhe, Germany.
Revival in Small, Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany.
40 Years of Paunya Tula Artists, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2011, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pintupi Trails 2011, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Australia in Two Colours, Artkelch Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, Germany
Recent Pintupi Works, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 2010 *Aboriginal Art 2010*, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Art Bodensee 2010, Dornbirn, Austria
Papunya Tula Artists: Art of the Western Desert, Harvey Art Projects USA, Sun Valley, ID
Wilkinkarralakutu - Journeys To Lake Mackay, Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara - Belonging To One Country, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2009 *Papunya Tula Classics*, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Papunya 2009, Senior Pintupi Artists, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists, Kunstwerk, Ebergingen-Nussdorf, Germany
Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, The Chan Building, Bennett Park Darwin, Aus.
26th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
Painting the Country, Cross Cultural Art Exchange, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
Nganana Tjungurringanyi Tjukurpa Nintintjakitja - We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, New York, NY
Pintupi 2009, Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Aus.
Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists, ArtBar71, Berlin, Germany
Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists, VDMA, Frankfurt, Germany
Pro Community – Papunya Tula Artists, Artkelch, Freiburg, Germany
Community - The Heart Of Papunya Tula Artists, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Au.
Nganampatju Kanpatja Winki, Nganampatju Yara Winkii – All Our Paintings, All Our Stories, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Tjukurpa Palurukutu, Kutjupawana Palyantjanya – Same Stories, A New Way, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.

- 2008 *David Larwill and the Western Desert Artists*, Stephan Wiess Studio, New York, NY
Handle With Care, Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia, Aus.
New Paintings from Papunya Tula Artists, Chapman Gallery, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2008, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus
- 2007 Group Show, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Aus.
Big Paintings, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2007, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Master Works From Papunya Tula, Birrung Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
The Black And White Show, Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
Elysées de l'Art, Galerie Arts d'Australie - Stéphane Jacob, Paris
Pintupi – Mixed Exhibition' Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 2006 Group Show, John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, Aus.
Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Aus.
Papunya Tula Artists 2006, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Land Marks, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2006, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
PTA, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Pintupi, Hamiltons Gallery, London, UK
Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pintupi Art 2006, Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Aus.
Well Represented, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
A Particular Collection, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Pintupi Dreamtime, Red Dot Gallery, Singapore.
- 2005 *Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art*, Riddoch Art Gallery, Mount Gambier, South Aus.
Papunya Tula Artists', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
22nd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, Northern Territory Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2005, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Papunya Tula - New Paintings From The Kintore Kiwirrkura Region', John Gordon Gallery, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, Aus.
Pintupi Art 2005', Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Aus.
Strong and Stately', Red Dot Gallery, Singapore.
Living Legends of the Western Desert', Walkabout Gallery, Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Pintupi Artists', *Papunya Tula Artists*, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
New Works From The Western Desert', Indigenart, Perth, Western Australia, Aus.
- 2004 *Papunya Tula - Selected Paintings*, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pintupi Art 2004, Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Gippsland Art Gallery, Victoria, Aus.
Papunya Tula Artists – 2004, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
All About Papunya', Chapman Gallery Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Aus.
Talking About Abstraction', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.

- Aboriginal Art 2004*, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, Aus.
Ma Yungu/Pass It On, Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.
 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Looking Closely At Country', Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts - The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art', Carnegie Gallery and Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart, Tasmania, Aus.
Pintupi Artists, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Ararat Gallery, Ararat, Victoria, Aus.
- 2003 *Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art'*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Queensland, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art', Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, Queensland, Aus.
Pintupi Art 2003, Tony Bond Aboriginal Art Dealer, Adelaide, South Australia, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art', Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Queensland, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Cooloola Shire Public Gallery, Queensland, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art', Noosa Regional Gallery, Queensland, Aus.
Ab Op 2 - Exploring The Visual Intensity Of Contemporary Aboriginal Art', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2003, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Kintore-Kiwirkura 2003', Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pintupi Art From The Western Desert, Indigenart, Subiaco, Western Australia, Aus.
Masterpieces From The Western Desert', Gavin Graham Gallery, London, UK
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, National Museum of Australia, Canberra, ACT, Aus.
Papunya Tula Artists - A Gift From The Desert', Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Pintupi Artists, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 2002 *Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi*, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2002, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Queensland Museum, Brisbane, Queensland, Aus.
 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pintupi Mens' and Womens' Stories, Indigenart, Subiaco, Western Australia, Aus.
Art Born Of The Western Desert, Framed Gallery, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
Saluting Papunya, Chapman Gallery, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Aus.
19th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin, Northern Territory, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art', Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum, Queensland, Aus.
Family, Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art, Duaranga Shire Art Gallery, Blackwater, Queensland, Aus.
Pintupi Artists, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
 Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
- 2001 *Musee des Beaux Arts et d'Archeologie de Vienne*, France.



- Palm Beach Art Fair, Palm Beach, FL,
Papunya Tula 2001, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Kintore, Kiwirrkura, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Dreamscapes-Contemporary Desert Art, Mostings Hus, Frederiksberg, Denmark.
Papunya Tula 30th Anniversary Exhibition, Chapman Gallery, Canberra, ACT, Aus.
The White Show 2, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Pintupi Exhibition, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Museum' Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
Size Doesn't Matter, William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
- 2000 *Lines*, Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, Queensland, Aus.
Indigenart, Subiaco, Western Australia, Aus.
Aboriginal Art 2000, Scott Livesey Art Dealer, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
Utopia Art Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
Papunya Tula: Genesis and Genius, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Aus.
Pintupi Men, Papunya Tula Artists, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
- 1999 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus. Two man show with Ray James Tjangala.
Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
The Desert Mob Art Show, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 1998 Art Gallery, Culture Store, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.
- 1997 Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd., Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 1996 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, Australia.
C.A.A.A.C.E., Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 1995 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Aus.
Papunya Tula Artists Pty. Ltd., Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
Utopia Art, Sydney, New South Wales, Aus.
- 1994 Chapman Gallery, Manuka, Canberra, A.C.T. Aus.
- 1993 Dreamtime Gallery, Broadbeach, Queensland, Aus.
- 1990 l'Ete Australien a Montpellier, Musee Fabre Galerie, Saint Ravy, Montpellier, France
The Isaacs Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Friendly Country - Friendly People, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Aus.
- 1989 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Aus.

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Victoria, Aus.
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Aus.
University of Sydney Union, Aus.
Musee National Des Arts Africains et Oceaniens, France
The Kelton Foundation Collection, USA.



Macquarie Bank Collection.
Artbank.
Griffith University Art Collection.
Harvard Art Museum, Cambridge, MA
Toledo Musuem of Art, Toledo, OH

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Gardner, Jr., Ralph, "Out of the Outback, Into the Big City," The Wall Street Journal, September 24, 2015.
Kennedy, Randy, "A World Away From His Shimmering Desert Sands," The New York Times, September 19, 2015.
Herriman, Kat, "Acclaimed Australian Aboriginal Artist Warlpirimnga Tjapaltjarri Makes his U.S. Solo Debut," Artsy, September 19, 2015.
Bakshani, Nikkitha, "Warlpirimnga Tjapaltjarri," The Village Voice, September 15, 2015.
Steadman, Ryan, "The Must Be Scene: 10 NY Art Shows to Catch This Fall," Observer, September 9, 2015.
Lawrence, Alexa, "Art Shows Opening Soon in New York," Architectural Digest, September 1, 2015.
- 2014 Niland, Josh, "Major Exhibition of Australian Aboriginal Art to Tour US Museums," ArtNet News, November 6, 2014.
Guilliatt, Richard, "Nomad's Land," The Australian, October 17, 2014.
Eccles, Jeremy, "No Boundaries Tour Brings Indigenous Art to America," The Sydney Morning Herald, January 6, 2014
'George Tjungurrayi - Warlpirimnga Tjapaltjarri', exhibition catalogue, Scott Livesey Galleries, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2012 Araluen Arts Centre, 'Unique Perspectives – Papunya Tula Artists And The Alice Springs Community', exhibition catalogue, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, 2012.
- 2011 Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2011', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2010 ReDot Gallery, 'Ngurra Kutju Ngurrara - Belonging To One Country', exhibition catalogue, Singapore, 2010.
Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Wilkinkarralakutu - Journeys To Lake Mackay', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, 2010.
Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2010', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2009 Papunya Tula Artists, 'Nganana Tjungurrnganyi Tjukurmpa Nintintjakitja - We Are Here Sharing Our Dreaming', exhibition catalogue, New York, USA, 2009.
Cross Cultural Art Exchange, 'Painting the Country', exhibition catalogue, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, 2009.
Scott Livesey Galleries, 'Patrick Tjungurrayi, Warlpirimnga Tjapaltjarri 2009', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2008 Scott Livesey Galleries, 'Aboriginal Art 2008', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Ken McGregor, 'David Larwill and the Western Desert Artists', exhibition catalogue, Stephan Wiess



- Studio, New York, USA, 2008.
- 2006 Hamiltons Gallery, 'Pintupi', exhibition catalogue, London, United Kingdom, 2006
Ryan J. 'Land Marks', exhibition catalogue, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 2006.
Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2006', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
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- 2002 'Native Title Business - Contemporary Indigenous Art', exhibition catalogue, 2002.
Scott Livesey Art Dealer, 'Aboriginal Art 2002', exhibition catalogue, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 2001 'Dreamscapes-Contemporary Desert Art', exhibition catalogue, Mostings Hus, Frederiksberg, Denmark, 2001.
- 2000 Papunya Tula 'Genesis and Genius', exhibition catalogue, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia, 2000.
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- 1989 Ryan J. Mythscapes, Aboriginal Art of the Desert, exhibition catalogue, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 1989.