

Eunice Napanangka Jack

DoB: 1939

Language: Luritja
Ngaanyatjarra
Pintupi

Skin: Napanangka



Region:

Biography

Eunice was born in 1940 at Lupul in the Sir Frederick Ranges. When Eunice was a little girl, and like so many other Aboriginal families at the time, shortages of food forced her family east towards the ration stations being set up in central Australia. She remembers the travels with her family very vividly and refers to it as when her mother carried her piggy back all the way from Western Australia to Haasts Bluff.

Now an important woman in the community Eunice is well known for her hunting skills, dancing and traditional law knowledge. Eunice started painting with the opening of the Ikuntji Women's Centre in August of 1992. Prior to that during the 1970s she assisted her husband Gideon Tjupurrula Jack who was painting at Papunya Tula. Eunice's paintings are interpretations of her country near Lake Mackay. She uses layers of colour to build up a vision of the bush flowers and grasses. Amongst this landscape Eunice's personal stories are told, either of the travelling of her tjukurrpa - the Bilby - or the people who once lived in the area. Her father was Tutuma Tjapangarti, one of the first men to paint for Papunya Tula. Eunice also paints his country, which includes Tjukurla, Tjila, Kurulto and Lupul. Her mother was from the Walpiri side of Lake Mackay - Winparrku - in Western Australia. A brilliant colourist, Eunice's Hairstring, Tali (sandhill), Mungada (apple) and wildflower paintings display great talent and dedication to her profession and traditions. Her Hairstring works are made up of thousands of varied colour strokes, representing the hair being rolled on women's thighs to make bags and clothing. Her Mungada (apple) works hold myriad dusted mauve circles overlaying the ground of varicoloured-feathered brushwork. Highly collectable, Eunice is represented in leading galleries worldwide.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017** Kuruyultu - Eunice Napanangka Jack, Outstation Gallery, Darwin NT
- 2016** Kunga Kotara - Two Women, Tunbridge Gallery, Subiaco, WA
- 2010** Ochre Gallery Melbourne, VIC
- 2009** Eunice & Alice (with Alice Nampitjinpa), Eva Breuer Art Dealer, Sydney, NSW
- 2008** (with Alice Nampitjinpa), Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2008** Painting My Tjukurrpa (with Marinka Nangala Marshall), Ochre Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007** Ochre Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2005** Eunice Jack & Alice Nampitjinpa, Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2004** Boutwell Draper, Sydney, NSW
- 2004** Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2000** Tjilkamata & Watuya, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC

Group Exhibitions

- 2019** Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin
- 2018** Ikuntji Artists - Irrimatitja, Japingka Gallery, Fremantle WA
- 2018** 12th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair

Group Exhibitions

- 2018** "Haasts Bluff" contemporary art from the Ikuntji Artists, Yaama Ganu Gallery, Moree NSW
- 2018** Power and Colour - an Introduction to Aboriginal Art: Celebrating the artists, their communities and culture, presented by Yaama Ganu Gallery at the 34th Tribal & Textile Art Show in San Francisco USA
- 2017** Parrtjima - Festival in Light, Desert Park, Alice Springs NT
- 2017** Desert Mob, Araluen, Alice Springs NT
- 2017** 11th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin NT
- 2017** Salon des Refuses 2017, Charles Darwin University, Darwin
- 2017** 2017 Salon des Refuses, Charles Darwin University Gallery, Darwin NT
- 2017** Centralian Art Award, Central Australian Art Society, Araluen Arts Centre Alice Springs, NT
- 2017** Ngurra Kutju - Tjukurrpa Tjuta, One Country - Many Stories, Exhibition at Colin Biggers & Paisley, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane
- 2017** One Country - Many Stories, Colin Biggers & Paisley Foundation, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane
- 2017** Calleen Art Award Finalist, Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Cowra NSW
- 2016** 33rd Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibition, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
- 2016** 10th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin NT
- 2016** Kurlkayima Ngatha -Remember Me, Courthouse Gallery, Port Hedland, WA
- 2016** Chants du Desert - Art aborigene contemporain, La Chapelle du College dEu, Ville dEu, France
- 2016** Malpa Wiru (NAIDOC Celebration), Signal Point Gallery, Goolwa, SA
- 2016** 'Artist's Hand: Collector's Eye' National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne VIC
- 2016** The Blooming Desert, Talapi, Alice Springs, NT
- 2016** Kurlkayima Ngatha - Remember Me, FORM, Perth, WA
- 2016** Ikuntji Artists – Paintings from Haasts Bluff, Jaktman Australian Contemporary Art Gallery, NT
- 2015** Tarnanthi Festival Art Fair, Tandanya Institute, Adelaide, SA
- 2015** Tarnanthi Festival, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
- 2015** Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2015** Ancestral Presence - recent works by Ikuntji Artists, June Marriott Gallery, Central Craft, Araluen Cultural Precinct
- 2015** 9th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT
- 2015** Colors of Nature, Shinsegae Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 2015** Power of Place, FORM, State Theatre, Perth, WA
- 2015** Art Parade, Whistlewood VIC
- 2014** Around the Campfire, Fundraiser Concert, Alice Springs, NT
- 2014** Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs NT
- 2014** 8th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin, NT
- 2014** 21 Years Ikuntji Artists Festival, Ikuntji Artists, Haasts Bluff, NT
- 2013** Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2013** A Love of Country: The Indigenous Perspective, A Seymour College Art Exhibition
- 2013** 7th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin, NT
- 2013** SOAF - Seoul Open Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
- 2011** IndigenousArt, International Grammar School, Sydney, NSW
- 2011** Korowa College exhibition, Melbourne, VIC
- 2011** Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2011** Scotch College Exhibition, Melbourne, VIC
- 2011** Ochre Gallery, Melbourne, VIC

Group Exhibitions

- 2010 Where Creeks Cross: New Australian Aboriginal Paintings from Ikuntji, Booker-Lowe Gallery, Houston, USA
- 2010 Artkelch, Germany
- 2010 Qdos Gallery, Germany
- 2010 ArtMob, Hobart, TAS
- 2010 Gallery Runfurlie, Melbourne, VIC
- 2009 Womens Business, Booker-Lowe Gallery, Houston, USA
- 2009 Eunice Napanangka Jack and Alice Nampitjinpa, Eva Breuer Art Dealer, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 Ikuntji Artists, QDos Arts, Lorne, VIC
- 2009 Ikuntji Artists, Kate Owen Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 Aboriginal Art- Window to Culture, Australian Embassy (Australia Day Exhibition), ARTKELCH, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 Ikuntji Icons, Artmob, Hobart, TAS
- 2009 Land and Mythology- Art of the Western Desert, Artequity, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 Mixed Show, Palya Art, Mary Place, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 Value of Country, Artkelch, Direct Invest, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2009 Palya Art, Cabinet Malemont, Paris, France
- 2009 Ikuntji meets Brisbane, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2009 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2009 Palya Art, Gallows Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2009 Winter Warmers, Kate Owen Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2008 Ikuntji Show, QDos Gallery, Lorne, VIC
- 2008 Divas of the Desert, Gondwana Gallery, Alice Springs and Sydney, NSW
- 2008 Ikuntji Women Painters, Kingsfisher Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2008 Desert Stories, Artitja Fine Art, Perth, WA
- 2008 Gruppenausstellung, ArtKelch, Freiburg i.Br., Germany
- 2008 25th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
- 2008 Licht in der Wüste. Aboriginal Art aus der Central und Western Desert, ARTKELCH, Galerie im Lichthaus Kirchner, Weinstadt, GR
- 2008 Cultural Connections - Desert Stories, Artitja Fine Art, Perth, WA
- 2008 Yungkiya & Kulunypa - Old & New, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 Ikuntji Now, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2008 Group Show, Palya Art, Mary Place, Sydney, NSW
- 2007 Womens Business, ArtKelch, Freiburg i.Br., Germany
- 2007 Group Show, Ochre Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007 Tiwi Ngurrara, ARTKELCH, Freiburg i.Br., Germany
- 2007 Yaiti Yamimi, Bandigan Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2007 Palya Art, Mary Place, Darwin, NT and Sydney, NSW
- 2007 Group Show, Short St Gallery, Broome, WA
- 2007 Group Show, Australia Dreaming Art, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007 Best Of The Best, Framed Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2007 Group Show, Palya Art, Melbourne, VIC
- 2007 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT

Group Exhibitions

- 2007 Desert Dreamings: Earth + Water, Artitja Fine Art, Perth, WA
- 2006 Cicada Trading Gallery in the Middle East
- 2006 The TogArt Contemporary Art Exhibition
- 2006 Big Country, Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2006 Anangu, Red Dot Gallery, Singapore
- 2006 Senior Aboriginal Women Artists of Central Australia, Gadfly Gallery, Perth, WA
- 2005 Cicada Trading Gallery in the Middle East
- 2005 Brisbane Art Fair, Susan OConnell Gallery, QLD
- 2005 Strata: Deserts Past Present and Future, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Desert Divas, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Ikuntji Desert Belles, ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2005 Big Country, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Elisabeth Baehr, Art Frankfurt, Germany
- 2005 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2005 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2005 Art Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2004 Desert Show, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 ReDot Gallery, Singapore
- 2004 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 Desert Secrets of Eunice Napanangka, Gallery GabriellePizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2004 FireWorks Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 2004 Indigenart, Perth, WA
- 2004 Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2004 Carole Queriye, London, UK
- 2004 Desert Divas, Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, NT
- 2004 Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2003 Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2003 Onshore Gallery, Geelong, VIC
- 2003 Ikuntji Mob, Framed - The Darwin Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 2003 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2002 Adelaide Fringe Festival, Desart Exhibition, SA
- 2001 Ikuntji Artists, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 2001 Recent works from Ikuntji Artists, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 2001 Our Country - Pintupi Women from Haasts Bluff, RAFT Artspace, Darwin, NT
- 2001 Pintupi Women, Desart Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2000 5th National Indigenous Heritage Art Award, The Art of Place, Canberra, ACT
- 2000 Ikuntji Artists - Warlayirti Artists, Desart Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2000 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 2000 Womens Work, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 1999 Spirit Country: Australian Aboriginal Art from the Gantner Myer Collection, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, USA
- 1999 Indigenous Art of the Dreamtime, United Nations, New York, USA

Group Exhibitions

- 1999 Ikuntji Walka, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 1999 Ikuntji Tjuta Touring Retrospective, Campbelltown City Art Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 1998 Adelaide Fringe Festival, Desert Exhibition, Adelaide, SA
- 1998 Ikuntji Painters, Galerie Dusseldorf, Perth, WA
- 1998 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 1998 Bischoffs, Burbank California, USA
- 1998 Ikuntji: Paintings from Haasts Bluff, Darwin, NT
- 1998 Dreamings - Walonia, Brussels, Belgium, GR
- 1998 Culture Store, Rotterdam Art Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 1997 Desert Mob, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 1997 14th National Aboriginal Art Award, Darwin, NT
- 1997 Ikuntji Tjuta, Alliance Francaise, Canberra, ACT
- 1997 Dreamings - Aboriginal kunst uit Australie, Arnhem, Netherlands
- 1997 Ikuntji Tjuta, Gallerie Australis, Adelaide, SA
- 1996 Native Title Now, Tandanya, Adelaide, SA
- 1996 Miracles from the Desert, Savode Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
- 1996 Heritage Art Award, Canberra, ACT
- 1996 13th National Aboriginal Art Award, Darwin, NT
- 1996 MAGNT Shell Launch, Darwin, NT
- 1996 Minyma Mankurrpala Ikuntji Ngurra, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 1995 12th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
- 1995 Northern Territory Art Award, Alice Springs, NT
- 1995 Paintings from Haasts Bluff, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 1995 26th Alice Prize, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs, NT
- 1995 Minyma Tjukurrpa, Haasts Bluff/Kintore Canvas Project, Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide, SA
- 1995 Paintings from Haasts Bluff:, Hogarth Galleries, Sydney, NSW
- 1995 Ikuntji: New Art from the Western Desert, The Darwin Gallery, Darwin, NT
- 1994 Northern Territory Art Award, Alice Springs, NT
- 1994 Heritage Art Award, Canberra, ACT
- 1994 Australian High Commission & Shangri-la Hotel, Singapore
- 1994 11th National Aboriginal Art Award, Darwin, NT
- 1994 Ikuntji: Paintings from Haasts Bluff 1992-1994, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 1994 Ikuntji Minyma Tjuta 1992-94, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne, VIC
- 1994 Australian Heritage Commission, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibition, Old Parliament House, ACT
- 1994 2nd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award Exhibition, Old Parliament House, ACT
- 1993 Northern Territory Art Award, Alice Springs, NT

Themes

Hairstring of my Father's Country
Mungada (Bush Tucker)

Mediums

Bead work
Ceremony
Craft
Hairstring

Group Exhibitions

Collections

Bailleau Myer, de Young Museum, San Francisco, USA
Campbelltown Regional Gallery, Campbelltown, NSW
Flinders University, Adelaide, SA
Gabrielle Pizzi Collection, Melbourne, VIC
Museum And Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC
PRIVATE COLLECTIONS
Thomas Vroom-Sammlung, Amsterdam, NL
University of Tasmania, Hobart, TAS
ReDot Gallery, Singapore
Ganter Myer Collection, Fine Arts Museum, San Francisco, USA
Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
Helen Read Collection
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Art Collection, Canberra, ACT
Moreton Bay Region Art Collection, Caboolture, QLD
Charles Darwin University Collection, Darwin NT

Awards

2019 Finalist Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art, VIC.
2019 Winner Vincent Lingiari Art Award, Tangentyerre Gallery, Alice Springs NT
2017 Finalist Wyndham Art Award, Wyndham VIC
2017 Finalist Moreton Bay Region Art Award, Caboolture QLD
2017 Winner Moreton Bay Region Art Award, Caboolture QLD
2017 Finalist Calleen Art Award, Cowra NSW
2016 Finalist inaugural Vincent Lingiari Art Award, Tangentyerre Gallery, Alice Springs NT
2016 Finalist 33rd National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
2008 Finalist 25th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
2000 Finalist 5th National Indigenous Heritage Art Award, The Art of Place, Canberra ACT

Mediums

Print Making
Screenprint
Acrylic on Belgian Linen
Acrylic on Canvas Board
Acrylic on Cotton Canvas
Acrylic Paint on Paper
Bush jewellery

Bibliography

1995 12th National Aboriginal Art Award Catalogue
1996 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Electoral Calendar
2000 Art Centre, Desert Magazine, Alice Springs, NT
1999 Ikuntji Tjuta, Touring, Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, Campbelltown, NSW
1995 Ikuntji: Paintings from Haasts Bluff 1992-1994. Strocchi, M., IAD Press, Alice Springs, NT
1999 Isaacs, Jennifer, Spirit Country. Contemporary Australian Aboriginal Art. Hardie Grant Books, Melbourne, und Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Australia
2000 The Fifth National Indigenous Heritage Art Award. The Art of Place. Australian Heritage Commission. Canberra, ACT
2000 The Oxford Companion to Aboriginal Art and Culture. Kleinert, S. & Neale, Oxford Univ. Press, Melbourne, VIC
1996 Twelfth National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, NT

Group Exhibitions

Awards

- 1996** Finalist Heritage Art Award, Canberra ACT
- 1996** Finalist 13th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 1995** Finalist 12th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 1995** Finalist Northern Territory Art Award, Alice Springs NT
- 1995** Finalist 26th Alice Prize, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Alice Springs NT
- 1994** Finalist Northern Territory Art Award, Alice Springs NT
- 1994** Finalist 11th National Aboriginal Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin NT
- 1994** Finalist Heritage Art Award, Canberra ACT
- 1993** Finalist Northern Territory Art Award, Alice Springs NT