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| Birth Date | 17/11/1964 |
| Birth Place | Yuendumu, NT |
| Language/s | Luritja |
| Community | Papunya : NT |
| Mother's Country | Mt Nicker (Kunadjarrayi), NT |
| Father's Country | Kalipinypa, NT |
| Dreaming | Kalipinypa |

Candy Nelson Nakamarra

Biography

Candy Nelson Nakamarra was born in Yuendumu in 1964, daughter to renowned Papunya Tula artist Johnny Warangkula, who taught his children how to paint whilst passing down family stories. They all paint the Kalipinypa Water Dreaming story, of the rain and hail making ceremony, which Candy continues to explore and reinvent.

Candy has a distinct, evolving style, employing bold contrasting colours and layering of drips, drawing and outlining to create sophisticated, sought after contemporary works, which she says "look as if they are breathing, with the drawing elements popping out of the canvas". Candy represents *tali* (sandhills) and running water in her backgrounds, and uses dotting to represent hail storms and rain. Through drawing shapes and motifs, she represents the waterholes, running water, bush tucker, water birds and flowers present after a big storm and the *wanampi* (water snake) which lives under the waterhole. Recently, Candy has also started creating works in a more traditional style, directly referencing her father's original paintings.

Winner of the Interrelate Acquisitive Prize as part of the Wollotuka Acquisitive Art Prize (2012), her work is held in the Macquarie Bank Collection, Parliament House Canberra Collection and the Hassall Collection.

Group Exhibitions

- 2020** Desert Mob 2020 Exhibition : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2020** Ngurrangka palyanu – making from home : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2020** Every Painting has Tjukurrpa: Contemporary Paintings by Women of the Desert : Michael Reid, Berlin, Germany
- 2020** Tjupi Taanu Revisited : RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
- 2020** Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020 : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2020** The Magic of Black & White : Art Kelch, Germany
- 2019** Kuwarritja – now / newness : Outstation Gallery, Darwin.
- 2019** Back To The Desert — Neue Werke Von Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKELCH - Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Germany
- 2019** Stories from the Beginning : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2019** Colours of My Country : EVERYWHEN Artspace, McCulloch & McCulloch, Flinders, VIC
- 2018** Tjupi Boards: Kulinyi Tjilpi Tjutanya : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs
- 2018** Desert Mob Exhibition 2018 : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2018** Salon des Refuses 2018 : Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Darwin
- 2018** Inyani Mantakutu – Light Becomes Sand : Outstation Gallery, Darwin

2018 Water, Water, Love : Artitja Fine Art, Freemantle WA
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 Continuing Culture : Artitja Fine Art, South Fremantle, WA
2017 Desert Mob 2018 : Araluen Galleries, Alice Springs NT
2017 Tjupi Taanu (When the Honey Ant Bursts) : Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, NT
2017 Puri: New Shade : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2017 ArtKelch presents Papunya Tjupi at Art Karlsruhe : Karlsruhe Trade Fair Centre, Germany
2017 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016 NAMPATJUNANYI: PAINT & DRAW : Redot Gallery, Singapore
2016 The Power of Naivety : Art Kelch, Collectors Lounge, Schorndorf, Germany
2016 Dont you tell me... : Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2016 Salon des Refuses : CDU Gallery, Darwin
2016 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
2016 Another Country – Art Aborigene Contemporain : IDAIA at 8 Passage du Grand Cerf, Paris
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 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
2016 Rising Stars 2016 : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2015 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries, Sydney, NSW
2015 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2015 Salon des Refuses : Stokes Hill Warf, Darwin
2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2015 Kungka Tjupi: New work from the women of Papunya Tjupi : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2015 Desert Dreaming : Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
2014 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2014 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre
2014 Kungka Tjutaku Wititjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries
2014 Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
2013 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2013 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2012 Papunya Tjupi Artists : IDAIA and Galerie Karin Carton, Versailles, Paris, France
2012 Wollotuka Acquisitive Art Prize (WAAP), 2012 : The University Gallery, Newcastle
2012 Desertmob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2012 Kapi Tjukurrpa - Water Dreaming : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2012 Desert Rhythm - Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2012 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
2011 Papunya Tjupi: Generations : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
2011 Papunya Tjupi Arts : Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide

- 2011** New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts : Nomad Arts, Canberra and Darwin
- 2011** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2010** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2010** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2010** Desert Stories Papunya Tjupi Now : Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2009** Papunya Tjupi Group Show : Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2009** Building Papunya Tjupi : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 2009** Papunya Power : ArtMob, Hobart
- 2009** Introducing Papunya Tjupi and Ampilatwatja : Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
- 2009** Papunya Tjupi : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2009** Kalipinya : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2009** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs

Collections

MACQUARIE BANK COLLECTION

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA

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Awards

- 2012** Winner of the Interrelate Acquisitive Prize as part of the Wollotuka Acquisitive Art Prize (WAAP)