



Birth Date	1940
Birth Place	Haasts Bluff, NT
Language/s	Luritja
Community	Papunya : NT
Mother's Country	Haasts Bluff, NT
Father's Country	Warlukuritji, NT
Dreaming	Warlukuritji, NT

## Martha McDonald Napaltjarri

### Biography

Martha McDonald Napaltjarri, known by close relatives as Tjulyata, was born in Haasts Bluff/Ikuntji circa 1940, and is the daughter of founding Papunya Tula artist Shorty Lungkata Tjungurrayi. She witnessed the beginnings of the Papunya Art Movement in the early 1970s, when her father created authoritative works that would go on to be internationally celebrated. While Martha paints his country, Warlukuritji, she does so in her own way, and in personal relation to the stories that she knows about it.

Martha uses intersecting lines softened and contrasted with concentric circles to depict Warlukuritji, a series of clayplans to the south of Lake MacDonald and a surrounding dot matrix depicts the tapestry of vegetation across the landscape. Her lyrical interpretation of this site and its elements and traditional stories reflect the finesse that has led her work to become highly sought after.

Her work is held in the University of New South Wales, Art and Design Collection, the University of Western Sydney Collection and the University of Wollongong Collection.

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2018** Tjulyata : RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
- 2015** Tjingurru: Martha McDonald Napaltjarri : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs

### Group Exhibitions

- 2020** Desert Mob 2020 Exhibition : Araluen Arts Centre
- 2020** Ngurrangka palyanu – making from home : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2020** Tjupi Taanu Revisited : RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
- 2020** Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020 : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 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
- 2018** Bush Christmas : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2018** Tarnanthi : Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide
- 2018** Tjupi Boards: Kulinyi Tjilpi Tjutanya : RAFT Artspace, Alice Springs
- 2018** Salon des Refuses : CDU Gallery, Darwin

- 2018** Papunya Tjupi Works 2018 : Honey Ant Gallery with Incinerator Art Space, Sydney
- 2017** Twelve: Contemporary Aboriginal Works on paper : Koskela, Sydney NSW
- 2017** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2017 : Darwin, NT
- 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** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
- 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** The Blooming Desert : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2016** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide
- 2016** Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
- 2015** A Start with No End: Print Exhibition : The Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing; Nanjing Academy of Fine Arts, Nanjing; Hubei Institute of Fine Arts, Wuhan, China.
- 2015** Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries
- 2015** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2015** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2015** Kungka Tjupi: New work from the women of Papunya Tjupi : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
- 2015** New Narratives: Papunya Tjupi Prints with Cicada Press 2006-2014 : Kluge-Ruhe Museum – UVa Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
- 2014** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2014** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre
- 2014** Seoul – Sydney: Contemporary Korean and Australian Prints : UNSW Galleries, Sydney
- 2014** Seoul Open Art Fair 2014 : Seoul, Korea
- 2014** Garden of Eden : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
- 2014** Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2013** Papunya Tjupi: New Work : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2013** Personal Space: Contemporary Chinese and Australia Prints : Guanlan Original Print Base, East Gallery, Shenshen, China
- 2013** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2013** 11th Annual Printmaking Exhibition : Chinese Academies and Colleges, Guangzhou, China
- 2013** Master Print Show 2013 : Cicada Press, Kent House Gallery Burwood
- 2013** Kapingka punganyinka Tjupi tjutarringanyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2012** Cicada Press : Flinders Street Gallery, Sydney
- 2012** Personal Space: Contemporary Chinese and Australia Prints : Guanlan Original Print Base, East Gallery, Shenshen, China
- 2012** Academy of Fine Arts : Xian Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing
- 2012** Papunya Tjupi : Mina Mina Gallery, Queensland
- 2012** Papunya Tjupi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2012** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2012** Desertmob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011** Collaboration and Connection : Incinerator Art Space, Willoughby
- 2011** Messages from the South; Contemporary Australian Prints from COFA UNSW : Art Museum - National Taiwan University of Arts
- 2011** Kuwarritja Tjutaku Papunya Tjupinya : Chapman Gallery Canberra
- 2011** New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts : Nomad Art, Canberra and Darwin

- 2011** Papunya Tjupi : Mina Mina Gallery, Queensland
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKelch Gallery, Germany
- 2011** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2011** The International Art on Paper Exhibition : Chiang Mai University Art Museum
- 2011** UNSW International Showcase : UNSW Kensington, Sydney
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi Arts : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2010** Aboriginal Dreams : Karachi Pakistan
- 2010** Bowen Galleries : Wellington New Zealand
- 2010** Building Papunya Tjupi : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 2010** Desert Stories Papunya Tjupi Now : Gecko Galery, Broome
- 2010** Papunya Power : Art Mob Gallery, Hobart
- 2010** Papunya Tjupi Arts Group Exhibition : Randell Lane Fine Art, Perth
- 2010** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2010** Tjukurrpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2009** Art Sydney : Printworks Cicada Press
- 2009** Desert Mob : Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs
- 2009** Introducing Papunya Tjupi and Ampilatwatja : Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs
- 2009** Papunya Tjupi Group Show : Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2009** Building Papunya Tjupi : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 2009** Papunya Tjupi : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
- 2009** Kalipinyapa : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2007** Papunya Tjupi: A New Beginning : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney

#### **Collections**

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