



Birth Date	31/12/1958
Birth Place	Laramba, NT
Language/s	Warlpiri Luritja Arrente
Community	Papunya : NT
Mother's Country	Hermannsburg, NT
Father's Country	Watupunyu, NT
Dreaming	Kapi Tjukurrpa

## Isobel Gorey Nampitjinpa

### Biography

Isobel Gorey Nambajimba was born in Laramba in 1958 and is a founding member artist and Director of Papunya Tjupi where she has been practicing since 2006. She paints *Kapi Tjukurrpa* (Water Dreaming) at the site of Wantupunyu, her father and grandfather's country, an important site for the regeneration of nature.

Through many years of experimentation Isobel has arrived at her current distinctive style which features intricate patterned line work, with Isobel often employing light colours in her designs, allowing for glimpses of the darker backgrounds to be visible. Isobel's use of negative space and reduced colour palette create rhythmic detailed works depicting clouds, rain drops, lightning, rainbows, puddles and bush flowers.

Isobel is a leader in the women's song and dance and sees her paintings as vehicles to pass down the stories of country onto her children and the future generations, saying "I paint for the future of my culture and for the family". She is currently also employed by Waltja, a community organisation which looks after Aboriginal families in desert communities, and a board member of Desert, the peak body supporting the art centres of Central Australia.

Isobel's works are held in the Artbank Collection, University of Western Sydney Collection and Knoblauch Collection, Switzerland.

### Group Exhibitions

2020	Tjupi Taanu Revisited : RAFT artspace, Alice Springs
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	Bush Christmas : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
2018	Salon des Refuses 2018 : Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Darwin
2018	Inyani Mantakutu – Light Becomes Sand : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2018	Papunya Tjupi: New Work : JGM Art, London UK
2017	Twelve: Contemporary Aboriginal Works on paper : Koskela, Sydney NSW
2017	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair 2017 : Darwin, NT

2017 Tjupi Taanu (When the Honey Ant Bursts) : Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, NT

2017 Puri: New Shade : Outstation Gallery, Darwin

2017 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney

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 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : Flinders University Gallery, Adelaide

2016 Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney

2015 Streets of Papunya: The Reinvention of Papunya Painting : UNSW Galleries, Sydney

2015 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs

2015 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin

2015 Tjupi Kungka: 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 Open Art Fair 2014 : Seoul, Korea

2014 Kungka Tjutaku Wititjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries

2014 Art Paris Art Fair 2014 : Grand Palais, Paris, France

2013 Papunya Tjupi: New Work : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney

2013 Solidarity for Love: G'day from Aussie Minjung : Monkey-Wrenching Art Center, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

2013 New Paintings from Papunya Tjupi Arts : JGM Art Ltd, London

2013 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs

2013 Papunya Tjupi : Chapman Gallery Canberra

2013 Kapingka punganyka Tjupi tjutarringanyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide

2013 Artstage Singapore : Mossenson Galleries

2012 Desertmob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs

2012 Papunya Tjupi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide

2012 Kapi Tjukurrpa - Water Dreaming : Mossenson Galleries

2012 The Keating Speech : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney

2012 Desert Rhythm - Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne

2012 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin

2011 Papunya Power : Art Mob Gallery, Hobart

2011 UNSW International Showcase : UNSW, Kensington, Sydney

2011 Papunya Tjupi Arts : ARTKelch, Germany

2011 Papunya Tjupi : Mina Mina Gallery, Queensland

2011 Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs

2011 New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts : Nomad Arts, Canberra and Darwin

2011 Kuwarritja Tjutaku Papunya Tjupinya : Chapman Gallery, Canberra

2011 Papunya Tjupi: Generations : Mossenson, Galleries, Melbourne

2010 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin

2010 Desert Stories: Papunya Tjupi : Gecko Gallery, Cairns

2010 Tjukurrpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne

2008 Papunya Tjupi: A new beginning : Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Paddington

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