



Birth Date	6/03/1974
Birth Place	Kakalipu (West Papunya), NT
Community	Papunya : NT
Country	Murini, NT
Dreaming	Yalka Tjukurrpa (Bush Onion Dreaming)

Mary Roberts Nakamarra

Biography

Mary Roberts was born in Haasts Bluff/Ikuntji in 1974, daughter of senior lawman Murphy Roberts Tjupurrula, and granddaughter of Limpi Tjapangati, one of the early Papunya Tula painters. Mary first learnt to paint by watching these men, and was encouraged to paint her grandfather's stories, with elements of her grandfather's distinctive work discernible in Mary's work.

Mary began painting at Papunya Tjupi Arts in 2008 and paints the *Yalka Tjukurrpa* (Bush Onion Dreaming) at Murini, west of Haasts Bluff, NT. She employs dotting to form mesmerising rhythmic lines and shapes, often painted with subtle shifts in lighter colours onto a contrasting dark background. She depicts this traditional bush food through her use of circles and their emanating lines and represents water holes through concentric circles, women through U shapes and *wana* (digging sticks), creek beds and *watiya* (trees) through parallel lines.

Mary's work is held in the Artbank Collection and University of Western Sydney Collection.

Group Exhibitions

2020	Papunya Tjupi Arts 2020 : Honey Ant Gallery, Sydney
2018	Bush Christmas : Talapi Gallery, Alice Springs
2018	Inyani Mantakutu – Light Becomes Sand : Outstation Gallery, Darwin
2018	Papunya Tjupi Works 2018 : Honey Ant Gallery with Incinerator Art Space, Sydney.
2018	Papunya Tjupi: New Work : JGM Art, London UK
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	Papunya Tjupi Arts : The Incinerator, Willoughby, Sydney
2016	NAMPATJUNANYI: PAINT & DRAW : Redot Gallery, Singapore
2016	Dont you tell me... : Art Kelch, Freiburg, Germany
2016	Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
2016	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
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 : 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** 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 Open Art Fair 2014 : Seoul, Korea
- 2014** Kungka Tjutaku Wititjanku: Women Keeping Culture Strong : Mossenson Galleries
- 2014** Ngurra Nganampa (Community) : Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 2013** New Paintings from Papunya Tjupi Arts : JGM Art Ltd, London
- 2013** Desert Mob : Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
- 2013** Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2013** Papunya Tjupi : Chapman Gallery Canberra
- 2013** Artstage Singapore : Mossenson Galleries
- 2013** Seoul Open Art Fair : Seoul, Korea
- 2013** Kapingka punganyka Tjupi tjutarranganyi : Marshall Arts, Adelaide
- 2012** Desert Rythmn - Artists of Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mosenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2012** Belongings : Australian High Commission, Singapore, Australasian Arts Projects, Australian High Comission, Singapore
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi Artists : Damien Minton Gallery, Sydney
- 2011** Papunya Power : Art Mob Gallery, Hobart
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi : Mina Mina Gallery, Hobart
- 2011** UNSW International Showcase : UNSW, Kensington, Sydney
- 2011** Papunya Tjupi: GenerationsPapunya Tjupi: Generations : Mossenson Galleries, Melbourne
- 2011** Kuwarritja Tjutaku Papunya Tjupinya : Chapman Gallery, CanberraChapman Gallery, Canberra
- 2011** New Prints from Papunya Tjupi Arts : Nomad Arts, Canberra and Darwin
- 2010** Desert Stories Papunya Tjupi Now : Gecko Gallery, Broome
- 2010** Darwin Aboriginal Art Centre Fair : Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin
- 2010** Tjukurrpa: Papunya Tjupi Arts : Mossenson Gallery, Melbourne

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