Exhibition catalogue

Aboriginal Contemporary and Tjarlirli Art present

COMING TOGETHER LURRTJURRINGKULA/TJUNGURINGANYI

An exhibition celebrating the coming together of two language groups, two art centres and four artists in a single show.

Saturday 29 May – Monday 7 June

254 Bronte Road, Waverley, 2024



COMING TOGETHER – Lurrtjurringkula/Tjunguringanyi

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Lurrtjurringkula is from Ngaanyatjarra language, *Tjunguringanyi* is Pitjantjara. Artists Tjukupati James and Mary Gibson are from the art centre at Kaltukatjara; Tjarwina Porter and Katjarra Butler from Tjukurla. Over many years a special relationship has developed between these artists and their art centres and movement and collaboration between them is now a regular event.

The origins of Western Desert contemporary art were male-led, but today, both art centres are spearheaded by strong women whose work is guided by deep cultural knowledge and the authority and respect they have in their communities.

Born in the bush, they lived their childhood on Country, in their respective cultural homelands. Now senior artists, they have seen incredible changes in their lifetimes – both good and bad – and now paint ancient Tjukurrpa sites of the Western Desert in bold and vivid contemporary styles.

Tjukupati James tracks the songline which runs from Napari in SA to Kintore in the NT. Mary Gibson's and Katjarra Butler's work depicts their ancestral homeland of Kurlkurta. And Tjarwina Porter paints areas deep within the Western Desert where she travelled as a young girl.

Katjarra Butler's grandson has described the significance of the artwork like this: "Each brush stroke embossed on the canvas is a place she has history with and a relationship to. These are not just locations but places that make one belong through a deep spiritual and emotional connection."

The artists, art centres and Aboriginal Contemporary invite you to come together to experience this beautiful and significant body of work at our Bronte gallery.

Warmest, Nichola



Ngamurru/Katjarra

Cat No: 20-1030 121.9cm x 147.3cm Acrylics on Canvas \$7,500.00

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Kungka Kutjara

Cat No: 20-655KA 121.9cm x 91.4cm Acrylics on Canvas \$2,750.00

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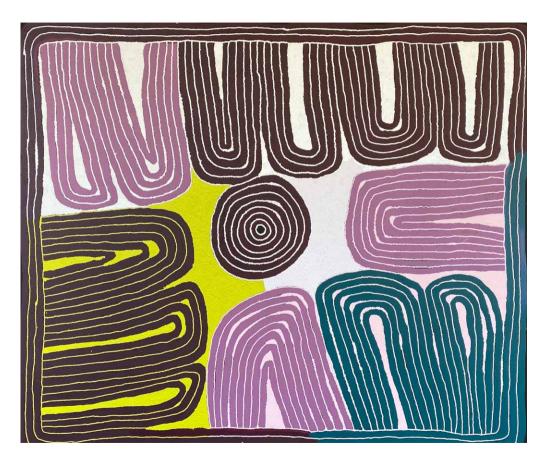
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Mary Gibson



Kurlkurta Tjukurpa

Cat No: 20-1035KA 147.3cm x 177.8cm Acrylics on Canvas \$6,450.00

Ngamurru/Katjarra

Cat No: 20-684 147.3cm x 147.3cm Acrylics on Canvas \$8,990.00



Tjawina Porter

Tjarlirli Rockhole

Cat No: 20-1033 147.3cm x 147.3cm Acrylics on Canvas \$5,400.00





Ngamurru/Katjarra

Cat No: 20-815 76.2cm x 101.5cm Acrylics on Canvas \$3,300.00

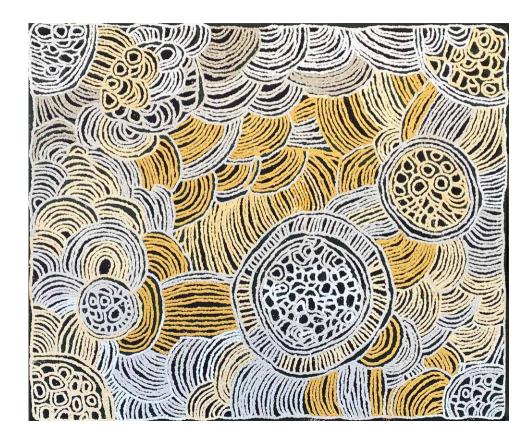
Mary Gibson



Kurlkurta Tjukurpa

Cat No: 20-912KA 91.4cm x 121.9cm Acrylics on Canvas \$2,750.00

Tjawina Porter



Tjawina Porter

Procupine Dreaming Cat No: 20-688 121.9cm x 147.3cm Acrylics on Canvas \$4,550.00

Kungka Kutjara

Cat No: 20-952KA 101.5cm x 76.2cm Acrylics on Canvas \$1,960.00





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Cat No: 21-64KA 147.3cm x 177.8cm Acrylics on Canvas \$6,450.00

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Cat No: 20-1029 147.3cm x 121.9cm Acrylics on Canvas \$7,500.00

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Please join us for the opening:

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