

Tanya Wheeler Napangati

DOB: 1986

Born: Watiyawanu (Mt Liebig)

Language: Lutija

Lives: Kintore

Tanya Wheeler is a young Pintupi woman who was born in Mt Liebig in 1987.

Tanya is the daughter-in-law of Walangkura Napanangka and it was watching Walangkura paint her famous renditions of her ceremonial site of Tjintjintjin that gave Tanya her first insights into art. Over a period of a number of years, Tanya learned from Walangkura and eventually, as Walangkura's health deteriorated, she started to assist Walangkura with the background dotting of her works.

Tanya really started to develop as a painter in her own right during 2010 and has rapidly developed since that time. Whilst clearly influenced by Walangkura, she has developed her own interpretation of Tjintjintjin, particularly in her adventurous use of colour.

Today, Tanya lives at Kintore with her husband and child.



Tjintjintjin
(My Mother's Country) 2011
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acrylic on linen
60 x 60cm