



# Artback NT



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### **True Story: of Life with Love from Central Australia**

**Opening at Tangentyere Artists – May 1, 2025, | Available for National Touring 2026–2028**

*True Story: of Life with Love from Central Australia*, a powerful new exhibition featuring vibrant figurative works by First Nations artists, opens at Tangentyere Artists on **Thursday 1 May 2025 at 3:30pm**, located at 16 Fogarty Street, Ciccone, Alice Springs.

Presented by **Artback NT** in collaboration with six leading Central Australian art centres—**Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists, Hermannsburg Potters, Itjja Ntjarra / Many Hands Art Centre, Tangentyere Artists, Tjanpi Desert Weavers, and Yarrenyty Arltjere Artists**—*True Story* celebrates shared stories of life, love, and resilience in the desert.

The exhibition explores the joys, struggles, and memories of life on Country, town camps, and remote communities through captivating artworks that reflect childhood, dreams, and the challenges of remote life. It also highlights the ongoing fight for recognition and human rights, portraying the deep connection between these artists and their land.

With *True Story*, audiences will experience the complex beauty of the desert, a region both alluring and alienating in the popular imagination, yet central to our national identity.

“True Story brings together some of Central Australia’s most exciting First Nations artists to share perspectives that are deeply rooted in place and culture,” said Roni Judge, Project Manager at Artback NT. “The result is a celebration of connection, creativity, and truth.”

Alongside the exhibition, a **Sensory Public Program** offers an inclusive experience designed for all ages (8+). Participants will explore the artworks through sensory objects and creative activities that encourage reflection and deeper engagement.

“We believe art should be accessible to everyone,” said Judge. “Our sensory programs allow visitors to touch, feel, and connect with the stories on a deeper level.”

This public program is a celebration of inclusive art, fostering well-being, and cultural participation for all Australians, regardless of ability.

*True Story* invites viewers to engage with the stories of resilience, pride, and hope that define communities across central Australia. This exhibition is an opportunity to witness the dynamic artistry and the diverse voices of First Nations creators whose stories continue to shape the cultural fabric of Australia.



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## Key Exhibition Details

Dates: 1 – 30 May 2025

Opening: Thursday 1 May, 3:30pm

Public Programs: Thursdays 8, 15, 22, 29 May at 2pm

Venue: Tangentyere Artists, 16 Fogarty Street, Ciccone, Alice Springs

Admission: Free (bookings required)

Activities: Interactive objects, workshops, sensory art experiences

## Participating artists

### Bindi Mwerre Anthurre

Charles Jangala Inkamala, Adrian Jangala Robertson, Billy Tjampitjinpa Kenda

### Hermannsburg Potters

Rona Panangka Rubuntja, Hayley Panangka Coulthard, Abel Pareroultja, Beth Mbitjana Inkamala, Dalissa Brown

### Iltja Ntjarra / Many Hands Art Centre

Mona Lisa Clements, Dellina Inkamala, Kathy Inkamala

### Tangentyere Artists

Sally M Nangala Mulda, Betty Conway, Marjorie Nunga Williams, Coralie Williams, Nora Abbott

### Tjanpi Desert Weavers

Rosalind Yibardi, Kathryn Queama, Christobell Protty, Kirsten Kulitja, Carolyn Kenta, Margaret Smith, Julie Anderson. Tjunkaya Tapaya, Lynette Lewis, Yvonne (Stacia) Lewis, Imuna Kenta, Carolyn Kenta

### Yarrenyty Altere Artists

Beth Ebatarinja, Rhonda Sharpe, Marlene Rubuntja

## About Artback NT's Visual Arts Department

Artback NT is the Northern Territory's visual and performing arts touring agency. Our Visual Arts Program collaborates with artists, curators, organisations and communities throughout the Territory to co-create and co-present touring exhibition projects, which showcase the unique talents and perspectives of the region. We tour Northern Territory generated exhibitions to remote, regional and metropolitan galleries, sharing quality visual arts experiences with diverse audiences across the country.

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