

Tjintu Desert Band



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Tjamuku Ngurra

[translates to **Grandfather's Country**]

"For our community of around 200 people there is one general store, one school, no mobile phone range and little access to the internet. But Ikuntji [aka Haasts Bluff, NT] is much more than the town itself – it's the rocky hills, the red earth, the country of our Dreaming, our grandfathers' country." **Tjintu Desert Band**

Upon listening to the debut album by **Tjintu Desert Band** [pronounced *Jin-Too*] it is evident these five young Aboriginal men from the remote Central Australian NT towns of *Ikuntji* and *Kintore* have a connection to their land, its spirits and a transcendent magic that captures the atmosphere and sound of the desert.

Tjamuku Ngurra [pronounced *Jam-akoo Noora*] features 10 tracks with resounding guitar riffs perfect for radio. Funk, rock, reggae and dub grooves have been woven together to create a distinct desert sound that simultaneously captures its wide-open spaces, its brutal beauty and its formidable darkness. Large and powerful tribal choruses combine with roots and rock influences - featuring Spanish inspired acoustic guitar, rock reggae electric riffs and all supported by a consistent moving dub bass. This strong foundation supports the aural paintings in both *Luritja* and English, stories sung of country and the people who live there. *Tjamuku Ngurra* is a new sound that leaves you with a sense of connection to the heart of Australia and the vibrant music scene known there as 'Desert Reggae'.

Produced by Jeremy Conlon and mixed by Tim Cole **Tjamuku Ngurra** is released by CAAMA Music on March 7th. This is a definitive album release for the next chapter in the evolution of this independent Aboriginal record label based out of Alice Springs. *"This release signals a new phase for CAAMA Music and Aboriginal musicians from the Centre. It raises the bar for Australia's unique Central Desert sound, Australia's real alternative music scene. Music lovers can expect a lot more new music coming out of the desert over the next few years."* **Micheal 'Miko' Smith – General Manager CAAMA Music.**

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The first track to be released to radio is the title track - *Tjamuku Ngurra*. It opens with an irresistible Santana-like riff that expands into a potent tribal chorus driven by more funk based riffs. Lifted off Tjintu Desert Band's debut album of the same name this song & album showcase the new sound coming out of Central Australia right now!

Tjintu Desert Band are:

Terry Marshall – lead vox/rhythm guitar/harmonica

Jeffrey Zimran – lead guitar/lead & back up vox

Joseph Zimran – keys/synth/back-up vox/xylophone

Kieran Multa – drums/tamborine/egg shaker

Aaron Sharpe – Bass/back-up vox

Tjamuku Ngurra is released nationally by CAAMA Music on 7 March 2014 and distributed by MGM.

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<http://themusic.com.au/news/all/2013/12/11/bush-bands-bash-indigenous-australia-music-scene/>