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New Sound of Ayers Rock Resort: 'Tjukurpa Ninti'

Central Australian Aboriginal musician, Stewart Gaykamangu, has composed the song 'Tjukurpa Ninti' commemorating the thirty year anniversary of the Ayers Rock Resort, released last week on iTunes.

CAAMA Music, the Aboriginal record label based in Alice Springs, was commissioned by Voyages to create a song that reflected the spiritual nature of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Meaning 'Spirit Knows' in Pitjantjatjara, the song melds the voices of the land's people, their traditional instruments, and natural sounds to create an expressive piece of music capturing the majesty of the landscape, its expansive horizons and the awe evoked by this sacred site.

CAAMA Music sound producer Tim Cole, who has recorded many indigenous artists on location such as Shellie Morris and the Borroloola Songwomen, travelled to Uluru to record and produce the song specially composed by Stewart Gaykamangu, in collaboration with the Mutitjulu Ladies Choir and cultural advisor Trevor Adamson.

The song is also available for sale through iTunes with 50% of the profits going to the artist and 50% to the Mutitjulu Foundation to benefit the local community.

*Come and touch the wind
Talking through the spinifex
Rolls across the sand dunes
Uluru watching everything
Touch the silence*

*Come and touch the sunrise
Awakes the spirit
The song of the land
The heartbeat of this country is Tjukurpa Ninti
Touch the Silence*

Earlier this year CAAMA Music was also commissioned by Quitline to compose a song for their anti-smoking campaign. Stewart Gaykamangu worked with Tim Cole again, as well as Jeffrey Zimran (lead guitarist of Tjintu Desert Band) to create the catchy tune 'Break Free' that has been heard across radios in Central Australia. (Listen via [Soundcloud](#).)

With the CAAMA Music team in Alice Springs having recently expanded to nine fulltime staff members they are now able to direct more attention to projects such as these specially commissioned original song compositions.

"CAAMA Music has a long tradition of supporting talented Aboriginal musicians, and because of our new studio team we are now able to offer services in original song compositions, featuring Aboriginal languages, traditional instruments and music techniques specific to this region", says Michael Robertson, CEO of the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association.



The song-writing team in front of Uluru

Listen to **Tjukurpa Ninti** (Touch the Silence) by Stewart Gaykamangu on [Soundcloud](#)



To buy from iTunes visit <https://itunes.apple.com/au/album/tjukurpa-ninti-touch-silence/id914262673>

ABOUT STEWART GAYKAMANGU

Stewart Gaykamangu lives in the Aboriginal community of Amata in Central Australia and his song 'Lorrpu' won NT Pop Song the Year in 2013. He is currently recording his debut album with CAAMA Music, due for release in early 2015.

Stewart will be performing at the CAAMA Music showcase at the Australasian World Music Expo (AWME) in Melbourne on 14 November.

CAAMA MUSIC is an Alice Springs-based company, owned and operated by Aboriginal Australians, which has been recording, supporting and promoting Aboriginal music for more than 30 years. It is part of the **Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association**, Australia's leading Aboriginal owned and controlled media organisation delivering culturally relevant content that helps preserve and maintain indigenous culture.