

AUDIO DESCRIPTION | UTA UTA TJANGALA

This audio file describes the artwork *Paint tin*, created by Uta Uta Tjangala.

Uta Uta Tjangala is a Pintupi artist. Born circa 1926, he died in 1990.

Made in 1981, the artwork is an empty metal food tin with synthetic polymer paint applied to the inside of its lid. It stands just over 17 centimetres high and is 7.5 centimetres in diameter.

The artwork is displayed upright. The can of preserved food is open with its metal lid peeled back to appear almost vertical. The printed label is in faded greens, creams and browns, while the inside of the lid has been painted using earthy tones.

The original, vintage label on the can is still intact. It reads "PLUMROSE HOT DOGS IN BRINE" and shows photographs of hot dogs in bread rolls on a green-and-white checked tablecloth.

The tin is heavily worn, with scratches, dents, rust and patches of discolouration that show its age. The interior of the can is empty. The edge of the tin lid is roughly serrated.

The inner side of the lid is painted in a rhythmic pattern. At its centre are concentric rings of ochre dots. Surrounding this is a band of repeated radial brushstrokes in red, white and ochre. The paint has been applied thickly and so, at times, the colours marble. The loose makings create a strong contrast with the commercial printed label on the outside of the tin.