Jeanie Napangardi Lewis

Born: c. 1950 Skin: Napangardi

Community: Nyirripi, NT Language: Warlpiri

Jeanie Napangardi Lewis was born around 1950 on Mount Doreen Station, an extensive cattle-breeding property in the Northern Territory of Australia. Her traditional country, Mina Mina, is close to Mount Doreen Station and to the west of Yuendumu (an Aboriginal community that lies 290km to the northwest of Alice Springs). After living in or near Mina Mina, Jeanie's family moved to Yuendumu and then to Nyirrpi, where Jeanie has now lived for many years.

Jeanie began painting with Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation in Yuendumu in 2005. She paints her Dreaming stories; the one that features constantly is Mina Mina Jukurrpa (Mina Mina Dreaming), depicting the trees, birds and bush potatoes that surround the waterholes of her country (Mina Mina).

Jeanie has two sisters, Valerie and Phyllis, a son, Eric, and a daughter, Minnie Napangardi. Her husband, Mickey Jampijinpa Singleton, is an artist who also paints with Warlukurlangu Artists.

Jeanie continues to paint through the art centre whenever she visits Yuedumu from Nyirripl or when the centre drops off canvas and paint for artists in Nyirripi.



Mina Mina Jukurrpa (Mina Mina Dreaming) #3365/21ny 2021 acrylic on canvas

46cm x 76cm



