



Lorna Napurruru, 176 x 154cm

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Luminaries of the Desert

Japingka gallery has brought together an exhibition to showcase some of the most significant artists of the Central and Western Deserts, a stellar group of painters whose work is both inspiring and defining of the current desert art movement.

The artists cross a range of language groups and a vast terrain. Their styles mark out the territory that lies at the centre of this contemporary Australian story. The styles are diverse, but the impact of the art is universally profound. The title Luminaries of the Desert suggests both the radiance of the artists' work as well as the high esteem in which the artists are held.

Strong luminous works are the trademark of Makinti Napanangka, the senior Pintupi woman artist who lives at Kintore community. Her paintings depict the Two Women Dreaming story. Often the central image of her paintings are the strands of hair string, used in the desert to weave into belts that form part of the ceremonial re-creation of the Dreaming story.

One of the hallmarks of recent indigenous art has been the impact of new painters emerging on the horizon, and this exhibition introduces a few new rising stars. From west of the Pintupi lands are artists from the Wangkatjungka language group. They are represented here by Stumpy Brown, Biddee Baadjo and Myapu Elsie Thomas, who exhibit radiantly colourful works of their homelands along the Canning Stock Route.

Artists from the Central Desert lands include George Ward, Long Jack Phillipus, Bill Whiskey and Willy Tjungurrayi. Warlpiri artists from further north include Lorna Napurrula Fencer and Judy Watson, while from further east are artists Gloria Petyarre, Kathleen Ngale, Abie Loy and Kudditji Kngwarreye.

Luminaries of the Desert is showing alongside new works from West Kimberley artist Anjolu Heather Umbagai.

**Both exhibitions opening 6.30pm Friday the 13th October, open seven days, until 19th November, 2006
@ Japingka Gallery, 47 High Street, Fremantle.**

Print quality images are available from www.japingka.com.au for print media purposes.

Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri: 10.00am-5.30pm Sat: 10.00am-5.00pm Sun: 12.am-5.00pm. FREE ENTRY.

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