



Short St. Gallery



Joy Ngina Lyon

Born	1969
Language	Ngaanyatjara
Region	Blackstone

Biography

Joy is an emerging artist with Papulankutja Artists having had her first, official exhibition opportunity with Revealed 2022 at Fremantle Art Centre. Joy is a dedicated and humble artist willing to explore visual representations of sharing her family's Tjukurpa (Dreamtime). In April 2022, Joy was nominated as a finalist for the Telstra NATSIAA awards which will bring greater recognition of her practice and contribution to the maintenance of Tjukurpa in the West of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

Joy is one of seven siblings, three of whom also are practicing artists and leaders in the next generation of Papulankutja Artists: Mamie, Paula and Megan. Joy and her siblings grew up travelling on foot throughout the Ngaanyatjarra Lands with their mother's country being Wanarn and their father's country in Yanka, north of Blackstone. During her childhood her family travelled throughout the Ngaanyatjara and Anangu Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands visiting relatives and maintaining cultural obligations. Her mother, Edith Lyons, (a highly regarded painter) taught Joy and her siblings Ngaanyatjarra heritage, law and culture.

Joy still lives in Blackstone today with her daughter Milliane. Joy loves going out bush with the ranger and travelling her country.

Group Exhibitions

- 2026 Papulankutja Artists - Exhibition - Short Street Gallery - Broome WA
- 2025 Papulankutja Artists Group Exhibition - Purple Noon Gallery
- 2025 Artitja Seven sisters Exhibition - Artitja Seven Sisters
- 2024 Desert Mob: Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, NT -
- 2024 Desert Mob 2024 -



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2024 Revealed 2024 -

2023 Desert Mob 2023 -

2022 2022 Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA), The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin, NT - Featuring Kungkarrangkalpa (Seven Sisters) 43-22

2022 2022 Revealed: New and Emerging artists - Fremantle Art Centre - Featuring Kungkarrangkalpa (Seven Sisters) 30-22.

2014 Emerging Artists - A collection of works from emerging artists based in WA

Bibliography

2017 Neale, M (ed.) 2017, Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters, National Museum of Australia Press, Canberra, ACT