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Steven Jupurrurla Nelson

Born 1978
Language Warlpiri
Region Yuendumu, NT



Steven Jupurrurla Nelson was born 30 August 1978 in Alice Springs, NT. He is a lifelong resident of Yuendumu, a remote Aboriginal community approximately 300 kilometers northwest of Alice Springs on the Tanami road. He was raised by his late mother, Nora Nungarrayi Jurrah, and his stepfather, Frankie Jakamarra Nelson. His father John Jampijjinpa Brown, he was a resident of Papunya. Steven has two siblings from the same mother different father, his brother Greg Jupurrurla Wood who lives in Uluru he is a ranger, Roslyn Napurrurla Gibson (deceased).

Steven began painting at Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation in late 2014 after working at the art centre for some time. He typically paints 'janganpa Jukurrpa' (brush-tail possum Dreaming) from his mother's side. His country is located near Nyirpi, another remote Aboriginal community approximately 170 kilometers west of Yuendumu. His mother's and grandfather's country is also in this area. His mother's country includes the Nginyirrpalangu outstation. His grandfather, Banjo Patterson, owned country that includes Ngarupalya. Steven enjoys the work and process of painting at Warlukurlangu. When he is not painting, he likes to relax at home, walk around the community with his dog Xena, and go hunting for kangaroos.

Group Exhibitions

- 2016 Another Country – Art Aborigene Contemporain, IDAIA at 8 Passage du Grand Cerf, Paris
- 2016 Yuendumu and Youthful, Art Mob, Hobart, TAS