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Cover painting:

Artist: Karen Mills

Karen Mills is an Indigenous visual artist who lives and works in Darwin, Northern Territory. Her family are from the East Kimberley region in Western Australia.

Karen's artwork has been exhibited locally, nationally and internationally, including the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award in 1998 and 2004.

In 2003 she participated in Communion and Other Conversations, an international thematic residency for Indigenous artists at the Banff Centre, Alberta, Canada. In December 2005 Karen was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Wenten Rubuntja Indigenous Artist Fellowship, an eight-week artist residency in New York.

Title: No 13 (2) Orange, Red, Yellow

Medium: Acrylic on Linen

Year: 2003

Photography: Matt Mainsbridge

Statement: My paintings reveal a co

My paintings reveal a combination of influences from the colour, rhythm and texture of Indigenous women's weaving, woollen knitting patterns and Western abstract art. In an enlarged view of a woven thread, the relationship between the 'inner' and 'outer' spaces becomes a metaphor for identity, connection and

disconnection – Karen Mills.

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