

Dream Time

A new store in Jabal Amman brings the fascination of Aboriginal art to Jordan.

The contemporary Aboriginal art movement first emerged in the deserts of Central and Western Australia. Using images derived from ceremonies and "dream-time" stories – the part of aboriginal culture which explains the origins and culture of the land and its people – Aboriginal artists traditionally painted on organic materials such as rocks, leaves and bark.

Since the 1970's, modern artists have begun translating these mythic images onto canvas and paper. The result is a fascinating mixture of ancient and modern.

"The designs are extremely contemporary, graphic and bold. They depict the relationship between the land and the people in a range of colors and tones that reflect the desert, forming a strong link with other desert cultures such as Jordan," says Jacaranda co-owner Rana Haikal.

Jacaranda Images is a new store specializing in art prints and other works on paper, including etchings, lithographs and photographs collected from around the world. Reproductions and posters are also available. It is located on Omar Bin Al Khattab Street, on First Circle.

