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**Left:** John Lyons father and stepmother.  
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**Right:** John Lyons, siblings, father, great grandmother.  
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# JOHN LYONS

Born 1933, Port of Spain, Trinidad

- **1959**  
Moved to London, United Kingdom.
- **1964**  
Studied at Goldsmiths' College and received a National Diploma of Design.
- **1965**  
Gained an Art Teachers' Diploma at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- **1998 - 2004**  
Co-founder and Director of Hourglass Studio Gallery.
- **2003**  
Awarded The Windrush Arts Achievement Award.

John Lyons was born in 1933, in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Living and working in Cambridgeshire today, he originally came to the United Kingdom to study art at the age of twenty-five. Studying at Goldsmiths University of London, he received a National Diploma of Design in 1964 and went on to gain an Art Teacher's Diploma at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He worked as a secondary school art teacher in Manchester for nine years, followed by seventeen years as an art lecturer.

Inspired by Trinidadian myths, folklore, and Carnival, Lyons' paintings have been exhibited across the country, with works held permanently in the Arts Council Collection, Victoria and Albert Museum and more. Alongside painting, Lyons has published numerous collections of poetry and the cookbook 'Cook-Up in a Trini Kitchen', exploring Caribbean-flavoured recipes alongside poems, stories and drawings of his experiences with food and cooking.

John Lyons is widely acknowledged as a talented artist both nationally and internationally and he has seven public collections in England. In 2003 he won the Windrush Arts Achievement Awards. For more information about John Lyons please visit [www.jcmlyons.co.uk](http://www.jcmlyons.co.uk).

