

## **Al Chandler (Good Strike)**

A'aninin (Gros Ventre), born 1936

### **Tipi, 1991**

Canvas, paint

Minneapolis Institute of Arts

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Al Chandler paints tipis to express himself artistically while staying within the limitations of traditional tipi design. This tipi was executed in traditional northern Plains style, with the lower section painted red and the upper section blue. Within these colored sections are white circles, possibly representing stars, and along the lower border a rainbow encircles the entire tipi.

In the middle section, the horse and the buffalo, two animals important in traditional Plains Indian life, are depicted. Two buffalos are seen in profile on the north and south sides; a mounted warrior chasing four horses is painted on the back. The warrior's horse has a feather tied to its mouth and stylized horse tracks painted on its rump, signifying that the owner has captured many horses.

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