

Media Release

Exit Art: 2017 Year 12 Student Exhibition
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The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory celebrates the talents and creativity of the next generation of NT artists.

The *Exit Art: 2017 Year 12 Student Exhibition* showcases an impressive range of contemporary artistic techniques including; painting, printmaking, photography, film and digital media and architectural modelling.

Opening on 3 March, 2018, *Exit Art* presents the very best of contemporary art and design from Northern Territory Year 12 students. Now a mainstay of the local arts calendar, this popular annual exhibition features the work of 44 selected students from 13 schools across the NT.

MAGNT Director, Marcus Schutenko said “*Exit Art* is a fantastic collaboration between the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and the Department of Education. It’s great to see the breadth of work from 13 schools across the Territory, situated in urban centres and remote communities.”

Exit Art provides a rare insight into the unique ideas, influences and experiences of young people, and the topics that have captured their imaginations throughout 2017.

Grace (Jezebell) Dandy from Marrara Christian College makes a powerful statement in her work *Wave Hill walk-off*, “The message of my artwork is about reconciliation. My grandfather Ronnie Wavehill has had a strong influence on me. He would tell me stories about our history, of where we came from, what we did, and how we stood up for ourselves.”

Lexi Spurr from Darwin High School has employed magical special effects in her dark, short film *One horned one eyed*. “My idea was developed through themes of stupor, dreams and claustrophobia. I created a film based on a personal recurring nightmare which manifests in fears of failure and becoming trapped.”

Exit Art is an exciting exhibition that represents a significant stepping stone for young emerging artists and designers, providing an incredible early opportunity to present their work in a nationally recognised cultural institution.

Awards will be presented by the Minister for Education, Art Educators of the Northern Territory, and the Darwin Visual Arts Association. Visitors will be able to cast their votes in the People’s Choice Award.

AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

Wendy Garden, Curator of Australian Art
Carrie Mulford, Exhibition Coordinator
Selected artists

High-res images are available upon request.



EXHIBITION

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3 March – 13 May 2018

PROGRAM

Study day: Professional development for students

Study day is for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and is designed to complement the exhibition *Exit Art*. An Education specialist from the Department of Education will speak about the expectations and marking of final works and folios. Sarah Pirrie, Lecturer in Visual Arts, Charles Darwin University will discuss pathways to higher education and courses offered and Wendy Garden, Curator of Australian Art will look at the formal qualities of artworks, aesthetics, cultural and social content and possible perceptions and meanings in contemporary art. Folio presentations will be conducted by exhibiting artists in *Exit Art*, providing students with an invaluable opportunity to hear firsthand how past students developed their final works. Students will participate in a drawing exercise where they will be encouraged to draw and write in the galleries to produce a personal interpretation of artworks on display.

Thursday 22 March, 10.00am–1.00pm
Friday 23 March, 11.00am–2.00pm

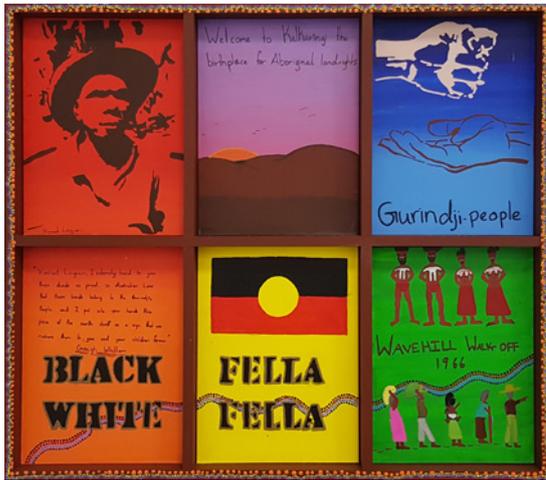
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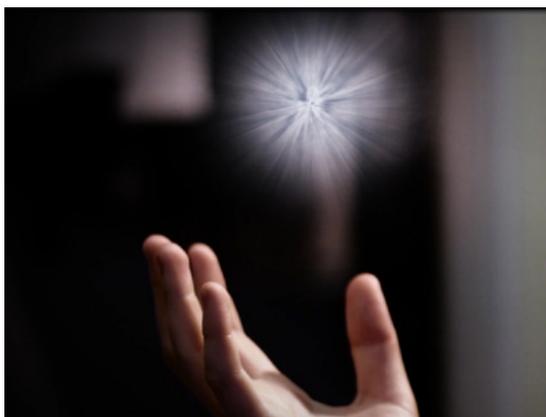
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Grace (Jezebell) Dandy
MARRARA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Wave Hill walk-off
Synthetic polymer paint



Lexi Spurr
DARWIN HIGH SCHOOL
One horned one eyed (still)
Film

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