

2021 EXIT ART WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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Edward Puruntatameri from St John's Catholic College in Darwin was the recipient of the 2021 Minister's Choice Award with Round Tiwi Art-Croc.

"I feel really happy, the hard work was worth it. There was a lot of sketching and experimenting that went into the painting and lots of work to create that design. My art work is inspired by my uncle Robert Puruntatameri. The crocodile symbolises a common animal that surrounds Tiwi islands in hunting. Most of my family has [the] crocodile as their totem but not me. My totem is [the] sea turtle," Edward Puruntatameri said.

51 talented finalists from across the Northern Territory were selected in the annual *Exit Art* student exhibition, which is celebrating its 30 year legacy.

Exit Art offers a platform to showcase the exemplary contemporary art and design from Northern Territory Year 12 students and is jointly presented by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and the NT Department of Education.

Emma King, Art Educators of the NT Award Winner said, "I remember coming to the Museum when I was little. Seeing my artwork up on the wall now is really personal to me."

The 2021 shortlist includes an inspiring variety of mediums including photography, film, textiles, painting and mixed media.

Marcus Schutenko, MAGNT Director said, "Congratulations to Edward Puruntatameri and this year's *Exit Art* student category winners. The exhibition is highly anticipated every year and continues to delight our audiences as well as offer unique insight into how young people view and interrogate their place in our rapidly changing world."

"The *Exit Art* exhibition showcases the very best talent from our 2021 Year 12 students, featuring artwork, film, textiles and more.

Congratulations to all student participants, finalists and winners on your hard work and devotion to your craft. It is wonderful to celebrate the creativity of our future generation of artists and designers; the Territory is brimming with talent!"

2021 Student Category Winners

Jacksons Drawing Supplies Award

Kaden Reid, Darwin High School – *My passion* (film)

Darwin Visual Arts Award

Caitlin Hanrahan, Taminmin College – *A few ghosts and moments of time* (photography)

Tactile Arts Award

Ramzy Ahmadi, Centralian Senior College- *Tidal* (3D)

Art Educators of the NT Award

Emma King- NT Christian College, *Two sides of the same coin* (painting)

EXHIBITION DATES

Exit Art runs until 26 June 2022 and is free entry.

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Marcus Schutenko – MAGNT Director

Exit Art Winners subject to availability

About MAGNT

Set in a scenic location overlooking Fannie Bay in Darwin, MAGNT is home to internationally renowned artistic, cultural and scientific collections and research programs.

Each year MAGNT presents a dynamic program of exhibitions carefully curated from the collection, as well as the best travelling exhibitions from around Australia. It is also the home of the annual Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards - the most significant celebration of its kind in Australia.

MAGNT is a not-for-profit organisation.