



2021 EXIT ART FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

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51 talented finalists from across the Northern Territory have been selected in the annual *Exit Art* Student Exhibition, which is celebrating its 30 year legacy in 2021

Exit Art offers a platform to showcase the exemplary contemporary art and design from Northern Territory Year 12 students.

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

“We are thrilled to announce these student finalists as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Exit Art*. In this year’s exhibition, we see various themes collide. Art students from around the Territory comment on topics including sustainability, disability, gender and self-identity. MAGNT and the Department of Education are committed to continue to support students as they embark on an exciting new future,” said MAGNT Director Marcus Schutenko.

Exit Art’s next generation of visual artists encapsulates creativity from schools in Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy.

“I think *Exit Art* celebrates diversity for a lot of kids. The platform of the Museum able to show it to a wider audience really excites me. I was really excited because I was really proud of this piece. My art teacher really wanted me to do something more personal. I really delved into my identity as an Asian in Australia. It was really scary but I’m glad that I did it, Isabelle Craven, Palmerston Senior College.” (Top right artwork)

This exhibition is presented by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in partnership with the Northern Territory Government Department of Education.

Minister for Education The Hon Lauren Moss said,

“Exit Art is one of the highlights on the Territory arts calendar, with evocative and moving work from our inspiring students. The Territory is known across Australia and internationally for generating some of the best artistic talent in the world and I am so pleased that Exit Art will again be showcasing our young artists.”

EXHIBITION DATES

Exit Art opens to the public at MAGNT Darwin on **Saturday 12 March 2022 and is free entry.**
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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.

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Image 1: Khadesha Foster, *I am woman* 2021, photograph, 42 x 59.4 cm. Courtesy of the artist.

Image 2: Emily Wilson, Casuarina Senior College, *An imitation of solace* (detail) 2021, acrylic on wood, 82 x 204 cm. Courtesy of the artist.

Image 3: Isabelle Craven, Palmerston College, *Your best Australian girl* 2021, Oil and acrylic on canvas, 60 cm x 60 cm. Courtesy of the artist.