

TELSTRA NATSIAA

2024 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards

Media Release

2024 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards Finalists Announced 16 May 2024

72 finalists have been announced in this year's *2024 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards Telstra (NATSIAA)*. The *Telstra NATSIAA* is Australia's longest running and most prestigious art award of its kind, presented on Larrakia Country (Darwin) by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) and Principal Partner, Telstra.

Now in its 41st year, the *2024 Telstra NATSIAA* features Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across the nation, sharing incredible works reflecting the strength of cultures, responses to current affairs and unerring connections to Country.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards were established by MAGNT in 1984 to recognise and promote appreciation and understanding of the quality and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art throughout Australia. The Awards have been a career changer for many of the finalists and winners throughout its 40 years. This year we celebrate a 33-year long partnership with Telstra.

Selected from 238 entries, all finalists will be exhibited at MAGNT, Darwin, from 22 June 2024 until 27 January 2025 and are eligible to win one of the following categories:

- Telstra Art Award - \$100,000
- Telstra General Painting Award - \$15,000
- Telstra Bark Painting Award - \$15,000
- Telstra Work on Paper Award - \$15,000
- Telstra Multimedia Award - \$15,000
- Wandjuk Marika 3D Memorial Award (sponsored by Telstra) - \$15,000
- Telstra Emerging Artist Award - \$15,000

Fast facts

31 finalists live in the Northern Territory, 11 in South Australia, 10 in Queensland, 13 in Western Australia, 3 in New South Wales, 2 in Tasmania and 2 artists in Victoria.

21 finalists are emerging artists in the first 5 years of their practice.

Quote from MAGNT Director, Adam Worrall

"We are honoured to announce the finalists for the *2024 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards*. This year's selection is especially significant for the strong representation of emerging artists and the diverse range of talent from across Australia.

With 21 finalists falling under the emerging artist category, the 41st *Telstra NATSIAA* highlights the vitality and innovation of the next generation of Aboriginal artists and continues the legacy of exhibiting emerging artists alongside well-known names.

The talent, strength of culture and new directions being explored by artists this year is astounding."

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The continued support of Telstra is essential to the delivery of these Awards. Telstra have supported the Awards as Principal Sponsor since 1992. This partnership has generated significant and positive impact on the awareness, development and growth of the Aboriginal visual arts sector with the *Telstra NATSIAA*.

Quote from Group Executive at Telstra, Lyndall Stoyles

"Telstra NATSIAA offers an exciting national platform for emerging and established artists to showcase their culture and creative talents. Over the last four decades, the Awards have grown in status and significance, and it is a privilege to celebrate the incredible talent of the artists as well as help share their stories across Australia. I congratulate all the finalists and we look forward to seeing the exhibition open in June on Larrakia Country."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have shaped the Awards through their contributions as artists, curators, as coordinators, selection committee members and as judges.

The finalists were selected by a panel consisting of 2023 *Telstra NATSIAA* judges Kelli Cole, Director Curatorial and Engagement, National Aboriginal Art Gallery, Janina Harding, Creative Victoria Senior Project Manager, Victorian First Peoples Art and Design Fair and Rebekah Raymond, MAGNT Curator of Aboriginal Art and Material Culture.

Quote from the selection panel

"The Selection Panel extends heartfelt gratitude to all artists who submitted their work for consideration in the 2024 *Telstra NATSIAA*. Recognising the courage and generosity inherent in sharing one's art, we want every artist to know their work was valued.

We feel privileged to select the finalists for the 2024 *Telstra NATSIAA*. The selected works embody the richness and complexity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, celebrating artistic innovation and storytelling from every corner of our continent."

***Telstra NATSIAA* is a celebration of culture, artistic practice and connection to Country, presented by MAGNT and Principal Partner, Telstra on Larrakia Country.**

2024 Telstra NATSIAA Key Dates

Exhibition period 22 June 2024 – 27 January 2025

Awards Ceremony Friday 9 August 2024 – Announcing the winners.

For more information please visit: www.magnt.net.au

Available to Interview

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Finalists

By residence

NSW

Delma Praljak-Trindall
Kamilaroi language

Stacey Louise Hampton
Gamilaraay language

Thea Anamara Perkins
Arrernte and Kalkadoon languages

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Aileen Napaljarri Long
Warlpiri language

Alfonso Puautjimi
Tiwi language

Artists of Ampilatwatja
Alyawarre and Kaytetye languages

Billy Tjampitjinpa Kenda
Luritja and Pitjantjatjara languages

Bobby West Tjupurrula
Pintupi and Luritja languages

Bulthirri Wunungmurra
Yolŋu Matha language

Burŋanydji Gaykamaŋu
Yolŋu Matha language

Carol Puruntatameri
Tiwi language

Charles Jangala Inkamala
Arrernte and Western Arrernte languages

Conrad Tipungwuti Kamilowra
Tiwi language

Dhukumul Waŋambi

Dhuwal language

Gaypalani Waŋambi
Yolŋu Matha language

Grace Kemarre Robinya
Anmatyerr and West Arrernte languages

Helen Ganalmirriwuy Garrawurra
Dhuwala language

Joe Dhamanydji
Gupapuyngu and Dhuwal languages

Joe Guymala
Kunwinjku language

Johnathon World Peace Bush
Tiwi language

Julieanne Gitjpulu Malibirr
Ganalbingu language

Louisa Kngwarray Long
Alyawarr and Anmatyerr languages

Lucy Yarawanga
Gurrgoni language

Marcus 'Double O' Camphoo Kemarre
Kaytetye and Alyawarr languages

Milminyina Dhamarrandji
Yolŋu Matha language

Motorbike Paddy Ngai
Anmatyerr language

Nancy Long Nungarrayi and Rene Long
Nungarrayi
Kaytetye and Warlpiri languages

Obed Namirrkki
Kuninjku language

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Russell Ngadiyali Wanapuyngu
Wagilak language

Sally M Nangala Mulda
Luritja, Arrernte and Pitjantjatjara languages

Steven Jupurrurla Nelson
Warlpiri language

Wally Wilfred
Wagilak language

Wayilkpa Maymuru
Yolŋu Matha language

Wurrandan Marawili
Yolŋu Matha language

QLD

Bernard Lee Singleton
Umpila and Djabugay/Yirrgay languages

Brian Robinson
Kala Lagaw Ya and Wuthathi languages

Clare Jaque Vasquez
Gomerioi and Kamilaroi languages

David Bosun
Kala Lagaw Ya language

Dylan Sarra
Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang
languages

Garry Namponan
Wik-Alkan and Wik-Mungkan languages

Janet Fieldhouse
Kalaw Lagaw Ya and Meriam Mir
languages

Janet Koongotema
Wik-Mungkan language

Karen Klimm-Richardson
Kuku Yulanji and Kokolamalama languages

Shannon Brett
Wakka Wakka, Butchulla and Gooreng
Gooreng languages

SA

Betty Campbell
Pitjantjatjara language

Betty Muffler
Pitjantjatjara language

Donna Coulthard
Adnyamathanha and Kuyani languages

Frank Young
Pitjantjatjara language

George Cooley
Yankunytjatjara language

Iluwanti Ken
Pitjantjatjara language

Josina Pumani
Pitjantjatjara language

LeShaye Swan
Arrernte and Warlpiri languages

Mardawi Lakun (Sister Weavers)
Ngarrindjeri language

Muna Kulyuru
Pitjantjatjara language

Rene Sundown
Yankunytjatjara language

TAS

Dean Greeno
Palawa kani language

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Louise Daniels
Palawa language

WA

Allery Sandy
Yindjibarndi language

Brett Nannup
Noongar language

Bugai Whyoulter
Kartujarra language

Doreen Chapman
Manyjilyjarra language

Helicopter (Joe Tjungurrayi)
Kukatja and Manyjilyjarra languages

Lydia Balbal
Mangala language

Madeline Purdie
Gija language

Nagula Jarndu Artists

Jabirr-Jabirr, Kija/Gooniyandi, Mayala,
Noongar, Noongar/Torres Strait Islander,
Walmajarri, Yawuru, Yawuru-Bardi Jawi,
Yawuru/Karajarri languages

Melissa Sandy
Yindjibarndi language

Mervyn Street
Gooniyandi language

Natalie Davey
Walmajarri and Bunuba languages

Noli Rictor
Pitjantjatjara language

Tyrown Waigana
Wandandi, Noongar and Ait Koedal
languages

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Clinton Naina
Meriam Mir and Ku Ku languages

Lisa Waup
Gunditjmara language

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