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New Director for MAGNT

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Adam Worrall as our new Director.

Adam is currently the Managing Director of Australian Art Exhibitions. Prior to that he was Assistant Director Exhibitions and Collections at the National Gallery of Australia (NGA), an institution that he served for 19 years.

The Chair of MAGNT, Clare Martin AO, said Adam's experience will be invaluable in delivering both the opening program of the new art gallery in State Square and the recommendations from the master plan for MAGNT's principal facility.

"I congratulate Mr Worrall on his appointment as Director of MAGNT and look forward to his contributions to the ongoing evolution of this institution".

Adam brings to MAGNT over 30 years of experience working in senior roles across the museum and art gallery sector in Australia, including positions at the Western Australian Museum and the National Gallery of Victoria.

Adam has championed our First Nations and Australian artists, art, and culture to the world through significant international partnerships and his program of exhibitions and collection displays has delivered growth in NGA visitor numbers and allowed the NGA's collection to be loaned extensively.

Adam is also responsible for many of Australia's much-loved and most remembered blockbusters, including the record-breaking *Masterpieces from Paris*, *James Turrell Retrospective*, and *Cartier: The Exhibition*.

Adam played a major role in the NGA's 2010 building extension and has overseen Australia's most extensive program of travelling exhibitions to remote, regional, and metropolitan venues across Australia, visited by over 8.7million people.

Adam said, "I am honoured to join MAGNT at this important stage of the museum's growth and look forward to delivering great outcomes for the Territory and its national and international visitors."

The Chair of MAGNT commented that Adam was the strongest candidate in an outstanding field, which reflects on the esteem in which MAGNT is held in the community at large.

Adam succeeds Marcus Schutenko, who has served as Director of MAGNT for seven years, a time of significant growth and development at MAGNT.

Congratulations to Adam on his appointment and we look forward to working with him to strengthen MAGNT into the future.

Mr Worrall will commence in the role in July 2022.

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About MAGNT

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory is both museum and art gallery with collections, exhibitions and programs across our core areas of Aboriginal culture, natural sciences, history, and art focussing on Northern and Central Australia, and our near neighbours. MAGNT's Natural Sciences collections continue to inform research into faunal biodiversity and conservation. Curators, government, other researchers and students use the collections for investigations into taxonomy, climate change effects, biosecurity, human health and sustainable resource management.

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