

## 2023 PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER ANNOUNCED

15 March 2023

**Shanice Bayizere from Darwin High School wins the 2023 Exit Art People's Choice Award with *Larry*.**

50 visual art and design students from 11 schools across the Northern Territory were selected in the annual *Exit Art* student exhibition. Bayizere was also the recipient of the 2023 Art Educators of the NT Award.

*Larry* depicts the artist's brother at home, lying on his bed and looking at his phone.

Shanice Bayizere, 2023 *Exit Art* People's Choice Winner said:

"I'm so grateful and happy that I have won this award. It pleases me knowing that I've had support from the community, as they voted for my artwork and I'm glad that people love my artwork.

I was influenced by Petra Collins' use of colour in her portraiture. I like the way my brother, Larry, looks lost in his own thoughts; the image shows him being natural, as though I was not there."

The artist stated that the image also represents the struggles associated with COVID-10, as it affected our relationships and connection to the community.

Adam Worrall, MAGNT Director said:

"I extend a big congratulations to Shanice. Winning two awards in one exhibition is a huge accomplishment and a testament to her talent as a budding photographer. I trust that Shanice's creativity will inspire others to also pick up a camera and pursue photography. I wish Shanice all the very best in her career and hope she continues to pursue her passion for portraiture."

*Exit Art* has been presented in partnership by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) and the Northern Territory Department of Education for 18 years. *Exit Art* offers a platform to showcase the breadth of contemporary art and design from Northern Territory Year 12 students.

### 2023 Student Category Winners

Mirikai Peters | Centralian Senior College

**Minister's Choice Award**

Elena Baxter | Good Shepherd Lutheran College  
**Jackson's Drawing Supplies Award**

Shanice Bayizere | Darwin High School  
**Art Educators of the NT Award**

Cheyene Lewis | Centralian Senior College  
**Tactile Arts Award**

Danae Moore | Centralian Senior College  
**Darwin Visual Arts Award**

### EXHIBITION DATES

Exit Art runs until Sunday 26 March 2023 and is free entry.

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Adam Worrall | MAGNT Director

Shanice Bayziere | 2023 People's Choice Award Artist

**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.

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