

TELSTRA NATSIAA

2023 National Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Art Awards

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Finalists Announced

63 finalists have been announced in this year's 2023 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (Telstra NATSIAA), Australia's richest art awards, presented by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) and Principal Partner Telstra on Larrakia Country (Darwin).

31 finalists are from the Northern Territory, **13** from South Australia, **8** from Queensland, **6** from Western Australia, **2** from the Australian Capital Territory, **1** from New South Wales, **1** from Tasmania and **1** artist from Victoria were selected. **16** finalists fall under the emerging artist category.

Adam Worrall, MAGNT Director:

"It is an honour for MAGNT to congratulate and welcome this year's *Telstra NATSIAA* finalists to be part of the awards' 40th anniversary milestone. Thanks to the time and care taken by our selection panelists, this year's finalists continue to forge new ideas and perspectives through a breadth of exemplary works and mediums produced over the past 12 months from all states and territories in Australia."

Vicki Brady, Telstra CEO quote:

"For four decades, NATSIAA has provided an opportunity for the rich and diverse stories of our First Nations people to be told. Telstra has been a part of the NATSIAAs for 32 years and last year we increased the prize pool to encourage more emerging and established artists to enter. The breadth and scope of the 2023 finalists is exceptional. I congratulate them all and we look forward to seeing the exhibition in August on Larrakia Country."

2023 *Telstra NATSIAA* Selection Panelists, Hannah Presley, Matt Poll and Rebekah Raymond:

"The Selection Panel want to deeply thank every artist who entered their work into the *2023 Telstra NATSIAA*. The Panel understands the vulnerability and generosity it takes to enter the Awards and wants each artist to know their work was seen and appreciated. Each artwork importantly reflects what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art is today. As a Panel we want to especially cheer on the emerging artists who entered, we were excited to see so many emerging artists enter the Awards and share incredible, promising works. We encourage you to continue your practices and look forward to seeing how they grow into the future.

It's an enormous privilege to be given a glimpse of hundreds of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists right across the country who are depicting their lives and worlds through their artmaking. Our job was incredibly difficult and we took days to carefully consider and deliberate over this year's finalists. The selection of works for the *2023 Telstra NATSIAA* reflects contemporary

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art from across this continent, with each state and territory being represented in the list of finalists.”

Telstra NATSIAA is the longest running Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art award in Australia, and is a celebration of culture, artistic practice and connection to Country, presented by MAGNT and Principal Partner, Telstra 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.

Telstra NATSIAA, with thanks to Principal Partner Telstra, has generated significant and positive impact on the awareness, development, and growth of the First Nations visual arts sector for the past 40 years.

40 Celebrating four decades of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards

Since 1984, MAGNT has proudly presented the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA)* on Larrakia Country. The establishment of NATSIAA came at a critical time when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and artists were first widely being recognized, artistically, critically and commercially. *40 Celebrating four decades of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards* presents a selection of artworks from each decade of the Awards and is now open at MAGNT – Bullocky Point.

2023 Telstra NATSIAA Key Dates

Friday 11 August | Awards Ceremony

Saturday 12 August | Exhibition officially opens to the public | FREE

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2023 Telstra NATSIAA Finalists

Australian Capital Territory

Brenda L Croft
Shaun Angeles Penangke

New South Wales

Jingalu

Northern Territory

Arnold Joseph Tipiloura
Balwaldja Wanapa Mununggurr
Billy Tjampijtinpa Kenda
Carbiene McDonald Tjangala
Dhalmula Burarrwaja
Dhopiya Yunupingu
Doris Arlyetilhe Thomas
Dulcie Sharpe
Gaypalani Wanambi
Glen Namundja
Graham Badari
Gunyi Ganambarr
Harry Guyumbirrirr Malibirr
Janice Murray Pungautiji
Joanne Napangardi Wheeler
Julie Nangala Robertson
Kaye Brown
Mary Dhapalany
Matthew Djipurrtjun Teapot
Motorbike Paddy Ngale
Muluymuluy Wirrpanda
Naminapu Maymuru-White
Napuwarri Marawili
Noeleen Danjibana Lalara
Nyinta Donald
Owen Yalandja
Raelene Kerinauia Lampuwatu
Samson Bonson
Stanley Ebatarinja
Wurrandan Marawili
Yalmakany Marawili

Queensland

Alick Tipoti & Dhamuwkoedal
cultural team
Elisa Jane Carmichael
Janet Koongotema
Jimmy John Thaiday
Keith Wikmunea
Mandy Quadrio
Shirley Macnamara
Warraba Weatherall

South Australia

Anne Nginyangka Thompson
Barbara Mbitjana Moore
Betty Campbell
Emma Singer
Frank Young
George Cooley
Iluwanti Ken
Mrs Heffernan
Naomi Kantjuriny
Rachael Lionel
Tanya Van Horen
Umatji Tanya Tjapalyi
Yaritji Tingila Young

Tasmania

Jeanette James

Victoria

Jahkarli Felicitas Romanis

Western Australia

Betty Bundamurra
Corban Clause Williams
Eileen Bray Joomena
Michael Jalaru Torres
Patrick Mung Mung
Wendy Hubert

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About the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is the Northern Territory's premier cultural and scientific institution. It offers a dynamic and diverse arts, science and cultural program to more than 300,000 visitors each year. MAGNT operates seven venues on Larrakia Country (Darwin) and Arrernte Country (Alice Springs), and is set to open its eighth venue, the Northern Territory Art Gallery, in Darwin's CBD in 2025.

MAGNT is known for its collections and expertise in Aboriginal cultures, natural sciences, histories and arts across northern and central Australia and our neighbours to the north. It is also the home of the annual *Telstra NATSIAA* – the most significant Indigenous and richest art award of its kind in Australia.