



Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

Media Release

Sound Of The Sky Opening Successful

An exhibition detailing the Northern Territory's history through the eyes of western artists successfully opened at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) in Darwin on Friday night.

MAGNT visual arts curator Daena Murray said the hundreds of people who have so far viewed *The Sound of the Sky* exhibition have reacted positively to what they have seen and experienced.

"People have come up to me to say how much they have been looking forward to this exhibition. It is something many people have identified with," Ms Murray said.

"The exhibition helps people get an idea of Territory history as well as its artistic legacy and to see that the Territory has a complicated and layered past."

The exhibition was opened by Arts and Museums Minister Marion Scrymgour following an address by former National Gallery of Australia Director Betty Churcher.

It is MAGNT's most ambitious exhibition to date featuring artworks on loan from interstate and overseas.

Among the 150 artworks on display are modernist pieces by Sidney Nolan and Arthur Boyd as well as Thomas Baines' 1857 oil painting *Baines and Humphrey killing an alligator: on Horseshoe Flats*, which is on loan from the Royal Geographical Society in London.

Ms Murray urged every Territorian to view the exhibition _ the current school holidays representing a great time for families to visit.

Floor talks are planned during coming weeks with several Darwin scholars set to do a presentation of the exhibition on April 29.

The exhibition is open to the public until July 16.

Ends

Media Note _ For more information contact Daena Murray on 8999 8254.

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