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Compilation CD Given Away at Conference

A compilation compact disc featuring 10 of the Territory's best musical talent was a big hit at the recent Regional Arts Australia *The Pacific Edge* conference at Mackay, Queensland.

Arts NT Director Jackie Halsey said the CD was given to delegates at *Pacific Edge's* closing ceremony to provide them with a musical and visual impression of the Northern Territory ahead of the 2008 RAA conference *Art at the Heart* to be held at Alice Springs.

Ms Halsey said visual artist Bronwyn Wright's *Her Master's Voice* graced the CD's cover with the songs making references to the Northern Territory's unique multicultural tapestry.

"Together with the fantastic film about Alice Springs and its artists produced by Craig Mathewson and David Nixon and the stunning performance by Drum Drum, this outstanding CD provided *Pacific Edge* delegates an important introduction to the *Art at the Heart* conference. Almost 900 CDs were given away," Ms Halsey said

"Hundreds of delegates from around Australia and overseas attended *The Pacific Edge* where they discussed, witnessed and even made art and exchanged ideas about regional arts practice."

Ms Halsey said the compilation CD brings together such artists as Shellie Morris, Tom E Lewis, Warren H Williams and George Rurrumbu for the first time, making it a must-have in everyone's CD collection.

"The bonus that comes with the CD is Bronwyn Wright's artwork that features on the cover," Ms Halsey said.

"Bronwyn is a long-time Territorian whose image was chosen from 362 images by 62 Territory artists that were entered for the *Art at the Heart* competition.

"*Her Master's Voice* was taken at Leanyer swamp near Bronwyn's home and is a striking work that will be promoted to a keen national and international audience of art lovers who are interested in Northern Territory cultural product.

"And while Bronwyn's work has been chosen to grace the CD, a decision is yet to be finalised on which of the *Art at the Heart* competition entries will brand the conference, so watch this space."

The *Pacific Edge* was held at Mackay, Queensland from 15-17 September.

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