



MEDIA RELEASE

Andy Ewing Travels to Venice Biennale

Dreams of one day travelling to Europe are set to come true for Darwin arts administrator Andy Ewing and artist Hayley West.

Mr Ewing, who is the Program Manager of 24HR Art – The Northern Territory Centre for Contemporary Art, has been selected to work at this year's Venice Biennale in Italy where he will perform the role of Visiting Services Officer.

This opportunity has been made possible through a joint initiative between Australia Council for the Arts and Arts NT, with Arts NT providing \$5000 to cover Mr Ewing's costs such as travel, accommodation and other incidentals.

"I have never been to Europe before so to be able to not only go there but participate at one of the world's most important critical forums for contemporary visual art is a dream come true," Mr Ewing said.

"When I was told the good news I had to pinch myself to believe what I was hearing was real.

"This is a wonderful professional opportunity and I think I will learn a lot and bring those new experiences and knowledge back to the Territory with me."

Thousands of the world's leading curators, collectors, gallery directors and critics attend the Venice Biennale, held this year from 10 June to 21 November.

The Australia Council for the Arts has managed and funded a long history of Australian representation at the Biennale and owns the Australian Pavilion in Venice, which is where Mr Ewing will be working.

"During the application process to determine who is suitable to perform such a role, I had to demonstrate to the Australia Council for the Arts a capacity to install new media exhibitions," Mr Ewing said.

"I will also promote Australian contemporary art through activities such as providing talks to visiting groups."

Mr Ewing thanks Arts NT and Australia Council for the Arts for helping his dream come true.

Darwin Visual Arts Association administrator Hayley West has also been selected by the Australia Council for the Arts to attend and work at the Venice Biennale.

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