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Telstra Art Award Opens in Darwin

The prestigious 24th *Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award* will open at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) in Darwin this Friday 10 August.

MAGNT Director Anna Malgorzewicz said the award ceremony, which is open to the public, will commence at 6pm with one of the highlights being the public's first chance to view this year's final selection of 104 artworks, including the four category winners and overall Telstra Award winner.

"The opening night of the *Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award* is a major event in Darwin and attracts visitors and artists from all over the country," Ms Malgorzewicz said.

"We have a great evening of entertainment planned to celebrate not only the *Award* but Indigenous art and culture.

"Entertainment highlights include White Cockatoo, Shellie Morris, Geoffrey Yunupingu and the award-winning Saltwater Band from Elcho Island."

After the ceremony and entertainment, guests are invited to view the exhibition which includes a wide range of themes, styles and media including painting on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography digital media and video.

Guests are encouraged to bring along their own food, drink and picnic blankets and enjoy the evening on the lawns of the MAGNT grounds.

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