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Discover *The Lost City* at Chan Contemporary Art Space

A new exhibition featuring large-scale abstract paintings by three local Darwin artists titled *The Lost City* will be open to the public today, 5 May 2011 at the Chan Contemporary Art Space in Darwin.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) Director of Arts NT Hania Radvan said local artists Imbi Davidson, Colin Holt and Emma Stocker showcase works that have been inspired by the intensity, seasonality, colour and rhythms of the Top End landscape.

“This wonderful exhibition reflects the artists’ collective experience of life in a rapidly changing Darwin city over the last decade,” Ms Radvan said.

“The works are inspired directly by Darwin’s tropical, political and cultural landscape, and reference our unique geographical location as the most remote capital city in Australia.

“On the frontier of Australia, positioned between the central desert and the edge of Asia, Darwin is a place which engages the senses combining both overriding feelings of striking beauty and isolation.

“Through the use of abstract visual language, the artists’ seek to reconnect the audience to their own feelings, experiences and memories of the Top End landscape.

Ms Radvan said the Chan Contemporary Art Space, which officially opened in September last year, was designed to increase awareness of the diversity of the Territory’s contemporary visual arts including new media, craft and design.

“The Chan Contemporary Art Space provides creative development opportunities for Territory curators, artists and arts organisations by providing them with access to a new space where they can showcase their talents to locals and visitors,” Ms Radvan said.

“*The Lost City* is the third exhibition for 2011 following on from the successful *I am You are We will* exhibition by the Bowerbird Art Group, and *Street Happenings* exhibition presented by Art Warehouse and Darwin Community Arts.”

The Chan Contemporary Art Space is located opposite Parliament House in Darwin and is open from Tuesday to Friday between 10am and 4pm, and on weekends from 10am to 3pm.

The Lost City will be on display until Friday 17 June 2011. An Abstract Painting Workshop with the artists will be held at 1pm this Saturday, 7 May 2011.

For more information about the Chan Contemporary Art Space including upcoming exhibitions visit www.arts.nt.gov.au.

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