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***Territory Time* at Chan Contemporary Art Space**

Twelve visual artists who have at various times resided in the Northern Territory will be presenting their own personal and psychic 'territory' in the new exhibition *Territory Time* at the Chan Contemporary Art Space in Darwin opening to the public this Thursday, 30 June 2011.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) Executive Director, Arts and Culture Hugo Leschen said *Territory Time* invites local residents and visitors alike to come and explore some familiar and not so familiar Territory icons and images.

"Each of the works investigates the individual artists' diverse feelings and responses to life in the Territory," Mr Leschen said.

"In addition to the artworks on display, visitors will also be able to engage with the artists through a series of artist talks and conversation with artists scheduled for every Saturday from the 2 July to 24 July."

2 July: Hayley West, Tobias Richardson, Carole Wilson

9 July: Siying Zhou, Amina McConvell, Rebecca Arbon

16 July: Sarah Pirrie, Talitha Kennedy, Adrienne Kneebone

23 July: Simon Cooper, Catherine McAvoy

Mr Leschen said the Chan Contemporary Art Space was developed by the Northern Territory Government to provide Territory curators, artists and arts organisations with access to a new space where they can showcase their talents to locals and visitors.

"The variety of exhibitions on show since opening in September 2010 have attracted nearly 5000 visitors to the new space," Mr Leschen said.

"*Territory Time* is the fourth exhibition for 2011 following on from the successful *I am You are We will* exhibition by the Bowerbird Art Group, *Street Happenings* exhibition co-presented by Art Warehouse and Darwin Community Arts and *The Lost City* exhibition featuring local artists Imbi Davidson, Colin Holt and Emma Stocker."

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.

Territory Time will be on display until Sunday 24 July 2011.

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

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Image: *Territory Time* at Head Quarters, Melbourne 2010. Image credit Michael Embelton

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