

Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2010

The *Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards* will be on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia from Saturday 31 July 2010. This year's Awards exhibition includes sculpture, video, painting and photography by five artists from Western Australia and 11 artists from other parts of Australia.

Artworks will range from the textured, ever-alluring paintings of Makinti Napanangka, the challengingly political videos and paintings of Richard Bell, the playful recollections of childhood experiences as seen in paintings by Nura Rupert and Pauline Moran, to Wakartu Cory Surprise's striking depictions of Country.

Glenn Pilkington, exhibition curator, commented, "Now in its third year, the *Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards* provides a current and vivid representation of the breadth, diversity and power of Australian Indigenous art practices. The Awards exhibition offers valuable insight into, and deserved recognition for, the incredible contribution Indigenous artists continue to make to Australian culture and society".

The Awards, the richest Indigenous art awards in Australia, is comprised of a group exhibition of outstanding art and three non-acquisitive Awards totalling \$65,000: the Western Australian Indigenous Art Award of \$50,000; the Western Australian Artist Award of \$10,000; and the People's Choice Award of \$5,000.

Artist and Curator Talks

Saturday 31 July

Yhonnie Scarce, Artist, at 11am

Ken Thaiday Snr, Artist, at 11.30am

Brenda Croft, Awards Judge, at Noon

Artist and Curator Talks

Sunday 1 August

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Richard Bell, Artist, at 2pm

Stephen Gilchrist, Awards Judge and Curator, at 2.30pm

Exhibition Insight

Sunday 8 August at 3pm

Darren Jorgensen

Darren Jorgensen lectures in art history at the University of Western Australia. He has written extensively on Australian Indigenous art in both national and international publications. Do not miss this inspiring talk.

Exhibition Insight

Sunday 3 October at 2pm

Glenn Pilkington

Curator of this year's Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards, Glenn Pilkington, is the Associate Curator of Indigenous Objects and Photography at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Glenn will conduct a walk-through of the Awards exhibition and talk about the artists and their work.



Western Australian Indigenous Art Award Winner 2009

Ricardo Idagi

Malo mask 2008

turtle shell, cowrie shells, mussel shells, feathers, raffia, wicker, saimi saimi seeds, human hair and ochre
157 x 120 x 70cm

Image © Ricardo Idagi, courtesy Vivien Anderson Gallery, Melbourne

The awards and exhibition are supported by the Government of Western Australia through the Department of Culture and the Arts

**On display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia
Saturday 31 July 2010 – Monday 3 January 2011**

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