



## The Art Gallery of WA's TomorrowFund reaches its Multi-million Goal

Three years ago the TomorrowFund was launched – an inspired campaign to create a \$25million endowment for the acquisition of works of contemporary art. It was an ambitious program designed to transform and build the State Art Collection through an expanded contemporary collection of Indigenous, Western Australian, Australian and international art.

Stefano Carboni, Director of AGWA, said, "I am delighted to report that with income already generated by the TomorrowFund, we have in the past 18 months, acquired 148 works of contemporary art for the State Art Collection, including 95 Western Australian, 49 Australian and four international. We're particularly delighted with our increased ability to acquire works by local artists."

The TomorrowFund was launched with not one but four \$1million gifts by leading companies; BHP Billiton, National Australia Bank, Wesfarmers and Woodside, in addition to a significant \$10 million contribution from the State Government. The Government pledged a further \$5million when the Gallery reached its own \$10 million target, which it has through the generous support of the WA business and broader community, and a final generous donation of over \$3million by Andrew and Nicola Forrest.

The significant milestone was celebrated at a Foundation event held last night at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Robert Juniper, renowned West Australian artist, and Honorary Arts patron of the TomorrowFund donated works of art that were presented to lead supporters of the campaign Andrew and Nicola Forrest, as well as Michael Chaney, President of the campaign, and Adrian Fini, Chair of the campaign and Art Gallery Board member.

Speaking at the event Stefano Carboni acknowledged the importance of each contribution to the TomorrowFund and collectively what a significant role the pledges play in establishing a State Art Collection legacy for future generations. "It is today's artists who become tomorrow's icons, and we're pleased to have the ability to support artists through the purchase of their works."



**Jeremy Lepisto**  
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State Art Collection, Art  
Gallery of Western Australia  
Purchased through the  
TomorrowFund,  
Art Gallery of Western  
Australia Foundation, 2011  
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