Celebrating 25 Years of Australia’s Premier Indigenous Art Award

A book showcasing 25 years of outstanding works featured at the annual Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA) is now on sale.

Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy said Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award 1984-2008: Celebrating 25 years lists all the category prize winners and the major prize winners are included with pictures of their winning works.

“This book would make a great addition to any home, office, museum, art gallery or library and I encourage people of all ages to purchase a copy,” Mr McCarthy said.

“NATSIAA is the premier event in the Indigenous art community and is the only national art award open to all adult Indigenous artists, whether they are emerging or established artists.

“This 250 page book celebrates the creativity, ingenuity and application of Australia’s Indigenous artists by documenting the artistic achievements of 30 selected significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists including 2001 winner Dorothy Napangardi.

“Their life and art is honoured with essays by distinguished curators, academics and art writers including a set of images of the artists’ work.

“And for the first time the series of exhibition posters is recorded with reproductions of the annual posters from 1984-2008 with last year’s poster image on the book’s front cover.

“Telstra is now in its 20th year as the principal sponsor of NATSIAA and I thank Telstra for its ongoing support of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander artists through this Award.”

Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award 1984-2008: Celebrating 25 years is on sale for $55 at the CDU bookshop and MAGNT bookshop.

The 28th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award comprises the $40,000 Telstra Award and the following five categories:

- $4000 Telstra General Painting Award
- $4000 Telstra Bark Painting Award
- $4000 Telstra Work on Paper Award
- $4000 Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Award (also sponsored by Telstra)
- $4000 Telstra New Media Award

The 28th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award will open on Thursday 11 August 2011. Entry forms are available at www.nt.gov.au/natsiaa

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