Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

**Exit art exposes creative young minds**

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Thirty-five of the Territory’s best young artists will showcase their extraordinary talents at the annual Exit Art exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

The exhibition, now in its 22nd year, opens tonight with contemporary artworks created by NT Certificate of Education and Training students from government and non-government schools across the Territory.

The works of the aspiring visual artists include paintings, mixed media, digital photography, ceramics, and metal and rope.

Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said Exit Art demonstrates that Territory students have the capacity to explore highly diverse, thought provoking and intellectual subjects.

“Exit Art is an opportunity for students to hone and develop the skills required to work creatively,” Minister Higgins said.

“The exhibition illustrates the profound investment of these artists in works of exceptional quality, and demonstrates their passions and unique perspectives in highly diverse and thought provoking ways.

“I encourage everyone to visit the exhibition and celebrate these wonderful works by young artists.”

This year, 37 works have been selected for the exhibition by NT and SA assessors. Awards will be presented in the categories of Minister’s Choice Award, Tactile Arts Award sponsored by Tactile Arts Darwin and the People’s Choice Award.

Voting for the People Choice Award opens from 20 February 2015 and closes on 29 May 2015.

The display will be housed in the Flinders Gallery of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory from 20 February to 6 June 2015.

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