Chan Contemporary Art Space 2011 Program Launch

Arts Minister Gerry McCarthy today launched the Chan Contemporary Art Space 2011 Program which features several much anticipated events that will be held in Darwin this year.

“The Chan’s purpose is to provide diverse and creative development opportunities for Territory artists, curators, art organisations and visitors and our 2011 program certainly delivers this,” Mr McCarthy said.

“We have engaged a diverse range of artists, organisations, art styles and themes this year, all with a strong link to our Northern Territory culture and lifestyle.

“At least eight exhibitions will be held at the Chan Contemporary Art Space in this year including I am, You Are, We Will – a new multi-media art exhibition – that ends today.

“The next exhibition will be Street Happenings which will merge together the street and gallery spaces and combines paintings, documentaries, stencils, photomontages and performance.

“There are exhibitions that focus on Darwin abstract painting, Christmas remote community rituals, The Togart Contemporary Art Award, an impressive retrospective of acclaimed Walpiri artist Lorna Fencer, the Immemorial exhibition investigating the similarities between people and cultures, external interactive laser works and Territory Times’ reflection on the Territory lifestyle.

“I am sure all of these exhibitions will be well attended and that the Chan will continue to grow in renown and stature as a central location that showcases first class art.”

Mr McCarthy also announced applications are open for the 2011-12 Regional Museums Grants Support Program.

“This Program helps keep history alive in our communities by making museums more attractive places to go and learn about our past,” Mr McCarthy said.

“That’s why the Territory Government is providing more than $220,000 in funding to community museums for the development of local community projects and to help ensure the preservation of the Territory’s precious heritage.”

Mr McCarthy also said comment on the Territory Government’s draft Building Our Museums and Galleries Sector (BOMAGS) 10 Year Plan is due by close of business today.

Go to www.nt.gov.au/arts to find out more about the Chan Contemporary Art Space, Regional Museum Grants Support Program or BOMAGS.

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