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ARTISTS in MUSEUMS: 30 Artists, 6 Venues

ARTISTS in MUSEUMS officially launched to coincide with the 2019 Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) National Conference in Alice Springs / Mparntwe. Artback NT and the Women’s Museum of Australia partnered Alice Springs based artists with local museums and heritage buildings to create a suite of site-specific pop-up exhibitions.

AMaGA is celebrating 25 years of support and advocacy for the arts, cultural and heritage sector with this year’s conference being held at the nation’s geographical centre. The conference aims to ignite national conversation in relation to place within communities and the implications of a local and national understanding of Australia’s past, present and shared future.

Louise Partos, Artback NT Executive Officer said “I advocate extensively for the Northern Territory arts and cultural sector to be positioned competitively on a national platform and am pleased this year’s AMaGA Conference has returned to the Territory for the first time since 1997. The communities that call the desert home will provide a platform for meaningful discourse around the role museums and galleries play into the future.”

Jo Foster, Artback NT Visual Arts Development Manager said “the AMaGA Conference provides an avenue for delegates to see the outstanding work and varied artistic practice that is produced here in Alice Springs / Mparntwe. The ARTISTS in MUSEUMS project was developed with the Conference in mind to provide an avenue for artists to produce interventions in the museums and heritage buildings. This project has presented artists with an opportunity to stretch their studio practice in new directions and to reflect on the layered histories of where they live.”

The conference will attract almost 400 delegates to Alice Springs / Mparntwe to listen to eighteen key note speakers and experience the unique environment, people, communities, museums and galleries.

About ARTISTS in MUSEUMS

Artists can bring fresh eyes to a museum collection, tackle concepts that are hard to explore, spark new conversations, challenge established ideas and offer new insights. Projects of this nature encourage interrogation of collections to highlight their contemporary significance alongside their historical value. They engage audiences in new ways ensuring that collection and heritage buildings are used and enjoyed to their full potential.





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30 artists have created work in response to 6 venues.

ARTISTS in MUSEUMS trail takes audiences on tour around Alice Springs / Mparntwe to experience Museum and Heritage buildings and exhibiting artists. Postcards of selected artists are available at each venue to collect.

The exhibition runs until 16 June.

To see participating venues, selected exhibiting artists and view available images visit: <https://artbacknt.com.au/show/artists-in-museums/>

Jo Foster, Visual Arts Manager, Artback NT; Di Newham, Women's Museum of Australia and selected artists are available for interview upon request.

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