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Growing buzz in Borroloola ahead of Malandarri Festival!

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Image: Mara dancers open the 2017 Malandarri Festival, Borroloola. Photo by Benjamin Warlungundu Bayliss

Borroloola is gearing up for their annual weekend of dance, song, ceremony and celebration.

Malandarri Festival, presented by the community of Borroloola and Artback NT, kicks off Friday 15 June and runs over two evenings.

Recent preparation included a two-week Printmaking Workshop with renowned textile artist Tim Growcott. Printed designs from the workshops will be showcased at this year's Warlungku Arts Centre stall and incorporated into an outdoor exhibition space. Production workshops commence in early June, with participant's being mentored through site planning, sound engineering and crewing the event.

'This year's Malandarri Festival is exciting, as always. Everyone looks forward every year to the community coming together to showcase our culture and perform our traditional dance and song. There's a growing buzz right now in Borroloola, especially for the young ones who are getting their costumes together and practicing their dance' said Marlene Timothy, Malandarri Festival Artistic Director.

Featuring traditional dance and song, a school parade, a marketplace, workshops and children's activities, the focus of **Malandarri Festival** is to celebrate and acknowledge the practices of the four clan groups in Borroloola – the Yanyuwa, Garwa, Gurdanji and Mara people.



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This year's Malandarri Festival also kick-starts the NT Tour of **Divas on Tour** – an all-female showcase performance by four Indigenous musicians from MusicNT Diva's program: Donna Velia, Kirra Voller, Lynetter Hubbard and Shana Ray.

Malandarri Festival is a drug and alcohol free event on Friday 15 June from 5.30pm and Saturday 16 June from 2pm at Borroloola Showgrounds. Entry is by gold coin donation, with children under 16 years free.