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ENTRIES OPEN IN 2016 GAB TITUI INDIGENOUS ART AWARD

Entries are now open for the 2016 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award, inviting local Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal artists to enter the ninth annual showcase of works produced throughout the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area.

The Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award is an initiative of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Culture, Art and Heritage Programme.

TSRA Chairperson, Mr Joseph Elu, said the Award continues to present the only annual collection of contemporary artwork produced by artists in the Torres Strait region.

“The Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award presents a great opportunity to local artists wishing to increase their exhibition experience and exposure nationally,” Mr Elu said.

“In 2015 over \$13,000 worth of artwork was sold from the exhibition, including seven works acquired by the National Museum of Australia for their permanent collection.”

On average, over 50 artists participate in the Award which also has the support of some of the nation’s leading cultural institutions.

“The 2016 Award will be judged by Curator of Indigenous Art at the Queensland Art Gallery, Mr Bruce McLean, in consultation with local Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal cultural advisors,” Mr Elu said.

The 2016 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award winner will not only take away the major prize of \$7,000 but also the opportunity to have their work featured on the cover of the exhibition publication.

“All artists’ work from the exhibition is published in a catalogue that is distributed at a national level,” Mr Elu said.

“I strongly encourage all artists wishing to further their careers in the arts industry to seize this opportunity.”

Entries in the 2016 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award close on 25 March 2016. For more information or an application package visit www.gabtitui.com.au or contact Gab Titui Operations and Exhibitions Manager, Leitha Assan, on 07 40 690 888 or leitha.assan@tsra.gov.au.



2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award Winner, Nancy Kiwat (Erub Arts) with her winning work *Ilan Pamle*.



Maryann Bourne, *Sikerr Koreg* 2015. *Commended 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award*.



A visitor to the 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award.

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