

CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR 2009

Discover Queensland's best contemporary
and traditional Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander art

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) is Australia's newest art fair and the only one solely dedicated to offering the best contemporary and traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art from Queensland.

This unique cultural event in the heart of Tropical North Queensland will celebrate the artists, their work and their culture and will be complemented by performances, artist talks, workshops and the CIAF Symposium.

CIAF is an opportunity for collectors to buy the work of established and emerging artists from a region that is producing some of the most exciting contemporary Indigenous art in Australia. A key focus of the art fair will be new work by artists from Tropical North Queensland and the Torres Strait.

Galleries from across Australia and Queensland's Indigenous Art Centres will be at the art fair to represent artists and sell their work.

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair - where art is sold and stories are told.

When: 21-23 August 2009

Opening hours:

Preview party 6pm, 20 August

11am-8pm, Fri 21-Sat 22 August

11am-3pm, Sun 23 August

Where: Tanks Arts Centre, Djumbunji Press and Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns

How to get there: CIAF is operating a shuttle bus from Cairns city centre, Centre of Contemporary Arts and selected hotels. Regular bus services and taxis are also available.

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Art fair

21-23 August

The inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair will be set in the lush rainforest surroundings of Tanks Arts Centre, adjoining the renowned botanic gardens. CIAF is Australia's only art fair dedicated solely to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art from Queensland. It will feature a selling exhibition selected by a small curatorial group and a specialised art fair. The exhibition will profile and reveal some of Queensland's best known and yet-to-be-known artists. The art fair will feature several commercial galleries, alongside Queensland's Indigenous Art Centres, other organisations, and invited independent artists. CIAF will be an inspiring, unique environment in which to discover new art work and connect with the artists and region.

VENUE: Tanks Arts Centre, 46 Collins Avenue, Edge Hill

CIAF Symposium

21 August

Organised in partnership with James Cook University School of Creative Arts, the CIAF Symposium will bring together some of the nation's leading thinkers on Indigenous art to discuss the issues challenging and invigorating the industry.

The symposium is expected to inform and inspire Indigenous artists, industry professionals, academics, activists, students, collectors and media.

VENUE: Centre of Contemporary Arts (CoCA), 96 Abbott Street

Performance and workshops

21-23 August

The performance program complementing CIAF will be a celebration of Indigenous dance, music and storytelling from Tropical North Queensland. There will also be the chance to see artists at work with Djumbunji Press KickArts Fine Art Printmaking holding demonstrations by leading printmakers.

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Djumbunji Press, 55 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill

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