

OPENING PARTY

The ultimate art party in the tropics, the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Opening Party is an exclusive chance to view and buy artwork before the Art Fair opens to the public on Friday 20 August. With dance and music, fine wine, fusion cuisine and a curator talk, the Opening Party is a celebration that lingers long in the memory. Be welcomed with a traditional Yidinji smoking ceremony by the Traditional Owners of Cairns and marvel at the magnificent art for sale. Performers at this year's event include William Barton in collaboration with Kirtley Leigh Paine, the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir, the Injinoo Dancers and Moses Warusam.

Date & time: Thu 19 Aug: 7 pm – 10 pm (gates open 6.30 pm)

Location: Tanks Arts Centre

Entry: \$54 includes two drinks and a taste plate.
Bookings through TicketLINK 1300 855 835
or www.ticketlink.com.au

Special ticket offers available. Please visit www.ciaf.com.au



Shuttle bus stop 11. See pp 74–77 for timetable.



A capacity crowd filled the Tanks Arts Centre for the official opening of the inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair in 2009. Photo: David Campbell Photography.

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The Four Elements

In an international premiere, didgeridoo performer, William Barton joins violinist Kirtley Leigh Paine to premiere their composition. The artists intertwine the elements of wind, water, air and earth, portraying the common language music shares across all cultures and traditions, and highlighting the contrasts of their art forms.

William Barton

William Barton is one of Australia's most notable didgeridoo players. Born in Mount Isa, he recently completed a residency with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra as well as many of Australia's state orchestras. He has appeared at most festivals in Australia, and has amassed an impressive roster of international appearances, presenting the works of a number of Australian composers as well as his own original works.



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Kirtley Leigh Paine

American/Australian violinist Kirtley Leigh Paine's career has taken her across the globe as a soloist in chamber concerts, recitals and orchestras. A student of the legendary virtuoso Josef Gingold, she has appeared at the Australian Festival of Chamber Music, and festivals in the United States, United Kingdom, Norway, Amsterdam, Vienna and Hong Kong.

Moses Warusam

Moses Warusam relocated from his home on Saibai Island in the Torres Strait to study music in Cairns. The beauty and melodies of his home are evident in his performances as a popular solo artist, and with reggae band Koahlition and the Rastalavista duo, in which he plays guitar and sings. An in-demand session musician for studio recordings and other local bands, two original songs from Moses appear on the *Listen Up!* CD, a compilation of up-and-coming Indigenous artists from Far North Queensland.



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Gondwana Voices

The Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir brings talented Indigenous children together from across Australia to share the voice of their generation. Their uplifting concerts have taken them overseas to Shanghai, providing the first taste of international travel for many of these children. They have also become an Australian favourite, featuring in the most recent Qantas television commercial.

Performance schedule available at www.ciaf.com.au



Cairns' Tyhus Arndt leads the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir. Image courtesy Qantas.