



ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE

Welcome to OUR MOB 2022, an exceptional exhibition and celebration of art by South Australian Aboriginal artists. Since its beginning in 2006, OUR MOB has earned a reputation as an important exhibition and joyful celebration for everyone involved.

In the spirit of reconciliation, it provides a platform for us to learn from each other. Artists, industry partners, audiences, buyers, and arts organisations celebrate culture, language, history, and art at Adelaide Festival Centre.

Welcome. Enjoy.

Douglas Gautier AM

CEO & Artistic Director Adelaide Festival Centre

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Adelaide Festival Centrerlu tampinthi, ngadlu Kaurna yartangka panpapanpalyarninthi (inparrinthi). Kaurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku.

Parnaku yailtya, parnuka tapa purruna, parnuka yarta ngadlu tampinthi yalaka Kaurna miyurnarlu iitu yailtya, tapa purruna, yarta kuma puru martinthi, puru warriapinthi, puru tangka martulyainthi.

Kumarta yaitya miyurna iyangka yalaka ngadlu tampinthi.

Adelaide Festival Centre is located on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people. We pay respect to ancestors and elders past, present, and emerging as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We honour their spiritual relationship with their Country and we do so in the spirit of reconciliation.

KU ARTS

STRONG ARTS, STRONG CULTURE, STRONG COMMUNITIES

Founded 25 years ago by Anangu women artists from the APY lands, Ku Arts is the peak service organisation for Aboriginal artists and art centres across South Australia. Ku Arts looks forwards and outwards to support artists in their practice, where professional development will benefit individuals, their communities, and the arts and cultural sector.

Since 2005, we have conducted creative and professional skills workshops for independent artists as part of our Statewide Indigenous Community Arts Development (SICAD) program. These programs focus on the exploration of new methods and mediums to energise arts practice, and develop longer term, community driven projects.

Ku Arts collaborates with a wide range of partners who share our core objective of giving 'voice' to artists, enabling their rights to self-determination and elevating their arts and cultural practice. The diversity of storytelling and creativity showcased through the OUR YOUNG MOB entries is always exciting. We celebrate and congratulate all artists involved.

Ku Arts is proud to be a sponsor of the OUR YOUNG MOB award which recognises the creative practice and cultural expression of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists aged 18 and under.

Mr David Miller

Chairman Ku Arts (A<u>n</u>anguku Arts and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation)

Kat Bell
The Memory Dress,
textile art and print, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist





Carron Kaluha Daveson
Ninkowi wan Ngarra Lakun
(Mother and Daughter Weaving)
spiny flat-sedge, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist



Mali Isabel
Intrinsic, acrylic on canvas, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist

COUNTRY ARTS SA

At Country Arts SA we live and create on the lands of the First Nations people of South Australia. We embrace the principle of First Nations First and are committed to working together to celebrate and present the art of First Nations cultures.

Country Arts SA is proud to have been part of the OUR MOB exhibition and associated events since its inception and to have supported developing artists further in their careers in the arts.

We are delighted to continue to offer the Country Arts SA Regional OUR MOB Emerging Artist Professional Development Award providing regional artists with opportunities to further their artistic practice.

We are honoured to work together with Adelaide Festival Centre, Ku Arts and the Statewide Indigenous Community Arts Development program to plan and develop the exhibition and related events to ensure OUR MOB achieves great outcomes for First Nations artists.

We look forward to continuing our involvement in supporting regional First Nations artists through OUR MOB.

Anthony Peluso

Chief Executive / RAP Champion Country Arts SA



Raylene Coleman
Wiltja – camp,
acrylic on canvas, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist







Clayton Queama Old Man Sitting Down at Fire, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Clayton Queama Maku, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

2021 DON DUNSTAN FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER: JAY MILERA

The Don Dunstan Award is a \$5,000 prize from the Don Dunstan Foundation, presented to an up-and-coming artist to develop their arts career, and for their artworks and stories to gain exposure to a national audience.

Jay Milera is a Narungga, Kaurna, Adnyamathanha and Wirangu woman. She was born in Maitland, South Australia and grew up in Point Pearce, formerly known as Bookyanna, a small community in the Yorke Peninsula region.

Milera is an established Aboriginal artist working with many mediums, preferably acrylic. Her main body of work is contemporary and traditional Aboriginal dot forms, still life, and mixed media. Milera paints from life where possible. She loves nature and natural forms and tries to capture something of their essence when she paints.

Milera enjoys painting Aboriginal dot paintings and animals that are spiritually connected to not only dreamtime stories but also personal experiences. The artworks she creates express great affection for her cultural and spiritual connection with her ancestors past and present. For the most part, Milera is self-taught and has developed her own arts practice around her cultural heritage dreaming stories.

Milera's work as an artist is a constant search for the best way to interpret the idea that she has about herself, about her culture and dreaming stories. She does not limit herself to one medium, style, or concept. As inspiration and ideas change, so does the narrative. Each individual piece of artwork Milera creates is simultaneously an extension of her culture, from the past, where she came from and what she has learned, as well as a preview of the future, and where she is going as an artist.



The Don Dunstan
Foundation is very proud
to support Aboriginal
artists like Jay Milera.
They recognise our
many talented South
Australian Aboriginal
artists and the power of
their stories which is why
we choose to be involved
in the annual OUR MOB
exhibition.

Jay Milera



JAY MILERA ARTIST STATEMENT

Seven Sisters Dreaming (STARRY NIGHT) (Limited edition series)

The Ancestral Spirits, who were watching over the Seven Sisters, saved them by lifting them into the sky where they assumed the form of the stars that we know as the Pleiades. Now at night in the hemispheres, you can see the Seven Sisters in the Starry Night still being pursued but never to be caught.

The artwork represents the unified connection of all First Nations people to their ancestors of the land and sky.





Jay Milera
White Painting,
acrylic on canvas, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist

Jay Milera
Blue Painting,
acrylic on canvas, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist

Jay Milera Gold Painting, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

TREVOR NICKOLLS ART PRIZES

Proudly supported by Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation

2021 was the first year of Trevor Nickolls Art Prizes for OUR MOB. These prizes were established due to the generosity of artist Trevor Nickolls, whose intention after his death was to provide support to First Nations artists, particularly emerging, to encourage them to develop their art.

The \$2,000 OUR MOB Trevor Nickolls Art Prize is for an artist over 18 years of age based on artistic merit.

The OUR YOUNG MOB Trevor Nickolls Art Prize for an artist under 18 years of age based on artistic merit is a \$300 art supplies voucher.

TREVOR NICKOLLS

Trevor Nickolls was born in Adelaide, South Australia in 1949, and went on to become one of the most significant Aboriginal artists in Australia. From the 1970s he began working, exhibiting, and inspiring artists, while he represented artwork that depicted the major issues for First Nations Australians, such as the Stolen Generations and Aboriginal Deaths in custody.

Trevor Nickolls' art expresses the spirituality of Aboriginal people and their connections to land, sea, sky and the cosmos; where people are integrated within nature rather than separate. A major theme in his art is *Dreamtime to Machinetime* which refers to the cultural transition many Aboriginal people have made from their traditional cultural heritage of living in the Dreamtime, into the world of mechanisation and technology. Trevor Nickolls' work often expresses the interactions between these two worlds and the complexity of living in both.

Trevor Nickolls and Rover Thomas were the first Indigenous artists to represent Australia at the Venice Biennale; a premier international forum for art.

"Trevor Nickolls participated in important international exhibitions, which have had a significant effect in the promotion of Indigenous Australian art internationally, resulting in an acknowledgement that it is among the greatest major contemporary art traditions of the world."

Wally Caruana (2010)

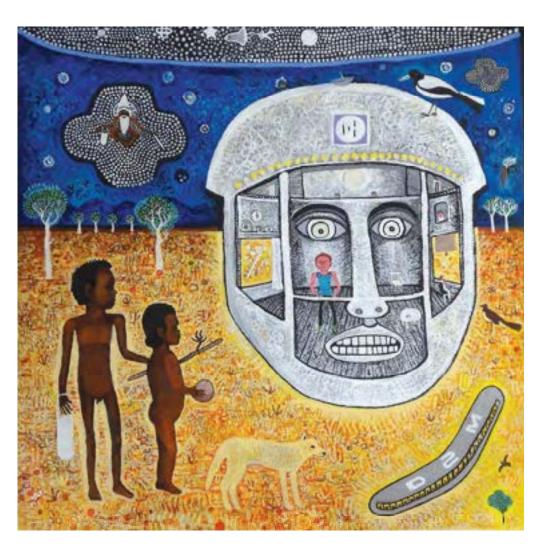
Trevor Nickolls' art is represented in the collections of all the major art galleries and museums within Australia including the National Gallery of Australia, Art Gallery of South Australia, and in public and private collections in Europe and North America.

In South Australia Trevor Nickolls' art is represented by Australian & International Arts – AIARTS Gallery.

His last exhibition at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery was, for him, a return to the land of his ancestors; the Ngarrindjeri people of the River Murray, hence the exhibition title: When the lost spirits meet.

Angelika Tyrone

Director Australian & International Arts - AIARTS Gallery



Trevor Nickolls A head of the time: the first contact acrylic on linen, 2009 © Courtesy of Trevor Nickolls Estate and AIARTS

The painting is a work of the theme *Dreamtime to Machinetime*. To confirm this, the boomerang spaceship at the lower right of the painting has the text D 2 M, a reference to *Dreamtime to Machinetime*.

Two Aboriginal children are focusing on a metal structure shaped like a head which is a spaceship. Inside is a non-Aboriginal boy who looks at the two children. It is a "first contact" between them. While the metal spaceship is personified, i.e. a face, it is rigid and monochromatic, it is contrasted to the environment of the Australian landscape which is coloured. The spiritual is represented by a spirit elder resting on a cloud and the Milky Way above is a reference to creation within the Dreamtime.

2021 INAUGURAL TREVOR NICKOLLS ART PRIZE WINNER: MAUDE PARKER

Maude Parker is a proud Kokotha woman. Born in Barmera, she grew up in Adelaide as part of the Stolen Generation. Parker's artistic journey began in the Riverland where she used to attend the Berri Art Centre, a place of community workshops and exhibitions. While there, the Arts Director asked if she would like to put a painting in the 2006 first OUR MOB exhibition as they were looking for artists to enter. Parker decided to give it a go and entered her first painting. This exhibition began Parker's OUR MOB journey, and she has entered a painting every year since.

Parker's solo exhibition titled *Celebration* of *Life on the Wings of Birds and Butterflies* is the result of a year's work after winning the Trevor Nickolls Art Prize in 2021. Parker discovered a connection with Nickolls through his relationship to spirituality and nature.

This exhibition was made possible by Trevor Nickolls and the Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation.



These paintings were inspired by the spiritual artist Trevor Nickolls after receiving the inaugural Award from his foundation to encourage artists in their endeavours, it was an honour.

Maude Parker 2022



Maude Parker Blue Wren, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist







Maude Parker Lady Bird, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Maude Parker Outback Dawn, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist



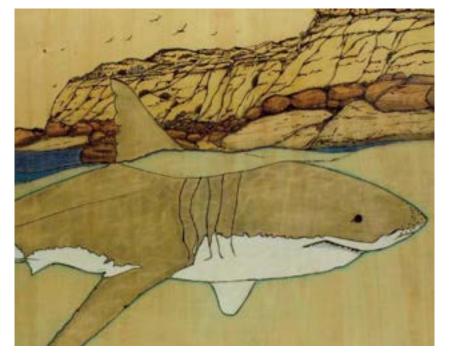


Maude Parker Purple Mist, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Maude Parker Desert Sands, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist





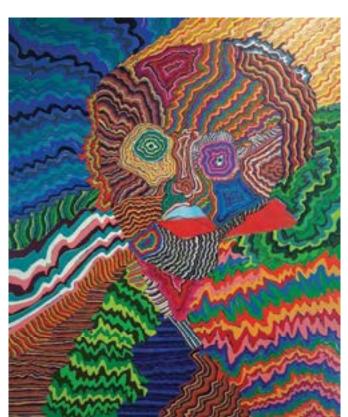


Sherrie Jones Shifting Sand, That Belong, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Reg Dodd Reflections Hergott Spring, photograph on textile, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Mark Richards

Great White Shark, burned etching & acrylic paint on plywood, 2021 © Courtesy of the artist





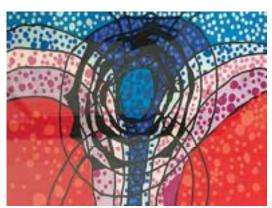


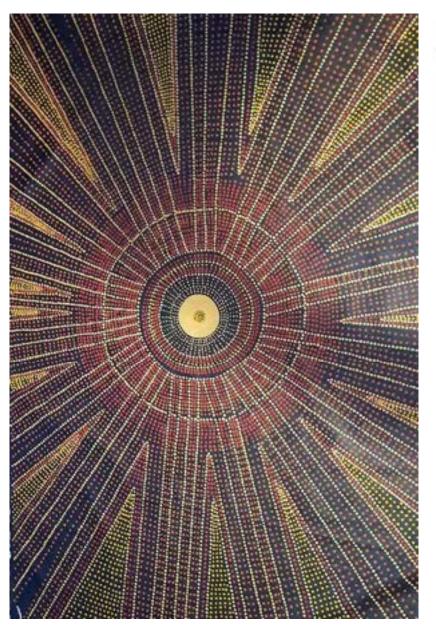


Lachlan Yeates My Life's Journey, digital drawing, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Isabelle Gray
Killing the Earth,
digital drawing, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist

Lola Miller Family, digital drawing, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist





Donna Larkins
Our Ancestors,
acrylic on clay board, 2021

© Courtesy of the artist



Zachary O'Donnell Woven Basket, Raffia woven basket with emu feathers and stones, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist



Temaana Sanderson-Bromley Akurra, Acrylic on wood, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist



Sharon Bryant
Weaving Basket,
Woven raffia and
emu feathers, 2022

© Courtesy of the artist



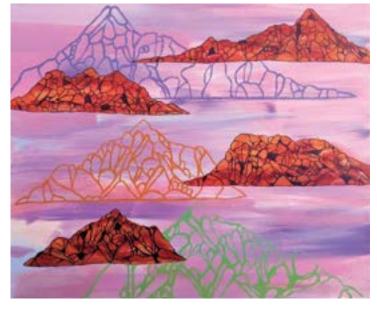


Elizabeth Close Let the Shadows Fall Behind You, mixed media on canvas, 2021 © Courtesy of the artist

Elizabeth Close Two Worlds, acrylic on MDF, 2021 © Courtesy of the artist



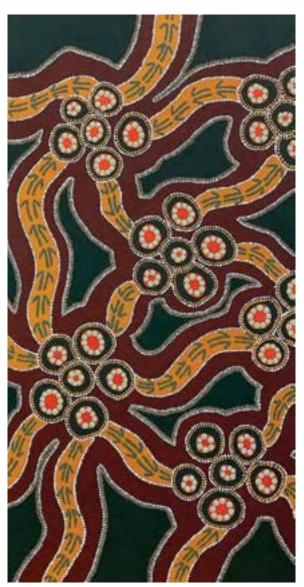




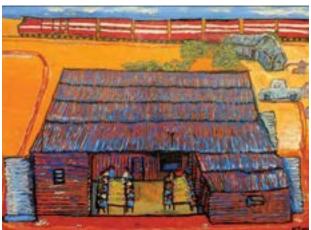
T'keyah Ware Colours in the Summertime, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

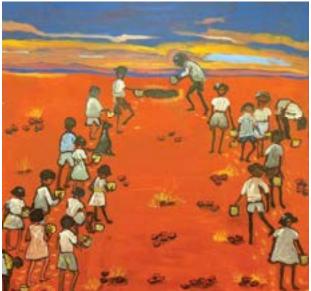
Kylie O'Loughlin The Pennywinkle and my Grandson, acrylic on canvas, 2021 © Courtesy of the artist

Macinta Fowler Earth's Crust, acrylic on canvas, 2021 © Courtesy of the artist



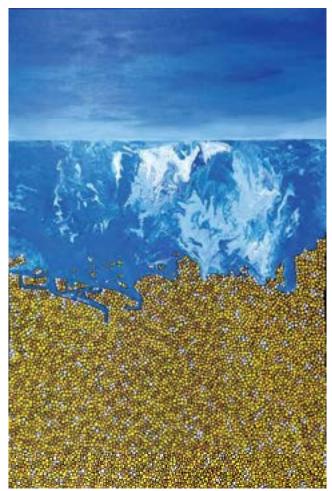
Amali Hirschausen
Kangaroos Travelling to a Meeting Place,
acrylic on canvas, 2022
© Courtesy of the artist





Kunyi June Anne McInerney Oodnadatta Mission Home, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

Kunyi June Anne McInerney Potties, Prickles and Pit, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist







Tyrone Ward Ngayuku Ngura, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

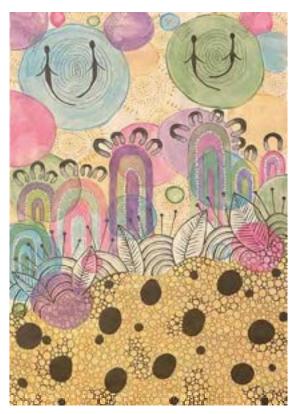






George Coughlan Classroom Structure 1, mixed media on paper, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist

George Coughlan Classroom Structure 2, mixed media on paper, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist



Judith Crosby Nannas Country, acrylic on canvas, 2022 © Courtesy of the artist



Kath Moore Cockles (Kuti), acrylic on canvas, 2021 © Courtesy of the artist

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Artists are listed here in alphabetical order by first name. Where possible, and if provided, information about the artist is given in this order: name, date of birth, language group(s), and current community or art centre affiliations. Language groups are spelt according to the wishes of the artists.

DON DUNSTAN AWARD WINNER 2021

Jay Milera b.1971 Narungga, Kaurna, Adnyamathanha and Wirangu Adelaide

TREVOR NICKOLLS PRIZE WINNER 2021

Maude Parker b.1956 Kokotha Adelaide

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Annette Walyingka Lawrie Dodd b.1964 Yankunytjatjara, *Mirning Gulda (Bush Tucker) Punu i, ii, iii* Port Pirie

Carron Kaluha Daveson b.1999

New Guinean Ninkowi wan Ngarra Lakun (Mother and Daughter Weaving) Adelaide

Christine Tschuna b.1967

Wirangu
(Bunna) Goannas mating
in Spring
Healing Hands on Country
Ceduna

Clayton Queama b.1973 Anangu Pitjantjantjara

Maku
Old Man Sitting Down at Fire
Oak Valley

Donna Larkins b.1967

Kokatha and Dieri Our Ancestors Roxby Station Whyalla Norrie

Dennis Turnbull b.1948

Boandick, Ngarrindjeri Elder Wild Geese Morphett Vale

Elizabeth Close b.1986

Pitjantjantjara, Yankunytjatjara Let the Shadows Fall Behind You Two Worlds Adelaide

Evanna Williams b. 2000

Yunkuntjara Woman's and children gathering bush tucker Adelaide

Elizabeth Richards b.1961

Barngarla Stingrays meeting Galinyala – Port Lincoln

George Coughlan b. 1998

Peramangk
Classroom Structure (1)
Classroom Structure (2)
Adelaide

Glenda Hansen b.1973

A<u>n</u>angu Pitjantjantjara *Spinifex Flowers Bush Foods* Oak Valley

Glenda Ken b.1975

A<u>n</u>angu Bush Medicine Bush Tucker Yalata

Iteka Ukarla Sanderson-Bromley

b.1999 Adnyamathanha, Narungga, Yarluyandi Hookina Springs Ukarla-apinha Varinga - Wild Flowers by the Creek Adelaide

Jacquie Nannup b.1964

Noongar - WA Feeding Frenzy (1) Feeding Frenzy (2) Galinyala - Port Lincoln

Janine Gray b.1954

Wirangu Butterflies Bush Tucker Yalata

Jazz Matthews b.1994

Ngunawal Looking After Country Port Elliot

Johanna Roberts b.2000

Ngarrindjeri *Dream Pelican, Dream* Nurioopta

Judith Crosby b.1969

Low Southern Arrente, Yankunkuntjatjara, Wangkangurra *Nannas country* Gladstone

Kat Bell b.1975

Gudjula, Girramay The Memory Dress I Am More Than a Half Caste Girl Berri

Kath Moore b.1977

Ngarrindjeri Cockles Sand Dunes (Natunyuru) West Beach

Kathryn Queama b.1968

A<u>n</u>angu Pitjantjantjara Minyma Kutjara *Bush Tucker* Oak Valley

Katrina Williams b. 1981

Yunkuntjara Woman's and children gathering bush tucker Coober Peddy

Kristal Matthews b.1995

Ngunawal *Ocean* Port Elliot

Kunyi June Anne McInerney

b.1950 Yankunyjatjara Potties, Prickles and Pit Oodnadatta Mission Home Adelaide

Kylie O'Loughlin b.1972

Narungga, Nantowarra, Kaurna The Penniwinkle and my Grandson The Northern Yertas Brahma Lodge

Leeanne Coleman-Betts b.1967

Wirangu
Dolphin Dreaming
Port Lincoln

Mali Isabel b.1999

Arabana, Kokatha Intrinsic Adelaide

Mark Richards b.1975

Gubrun Great White Shark Ceduna

Melinda Coleman b.1985

A<u>n</u>angu Bush Tucker Rockhole Ceduna

Mima Smart b.1950

Pitjantjara Weaving Basket Dreaming Yalata

Patricia Gunter b.1967

A<u>n</u>angu

All Different Languages

Coming Together

Ceduna

Raylene Coleman b.1981

A<u>n</u>angu Creeks & Rockhole Wiltja-camp Ceduna

Rebekah Nyalkba Quall b.1984

Jawoyn, Larrakia Strongbala Wimun Marlkkurra Adelaide

Reg Dodd b.1940

Arabunna Grebes Departing Uncutacuta Spring Reflections Hergott Spring Marree

Sandra Bayet b.1972

Yaegl, Githabul CHAOS Grief Adelaide

Sharon Bryant b.1981

A<u>n</u>angu *Weaving Basket* Yalata

Sherrie Jones b.1978

Yindjibarndi The Colour of the Sea Shifting Sand, That Belong Koonibba

Sonya Rankine b. 1970

Ngarrindjeri, Narungga, Ngadjuri, Wirangu *Nharangga Yarda Yardlu (Narungga Land Sea)* Moonta Bay

T'keyah Ware b.2002

Yankunytjatjara, Pitjantjatjara Antikirinya, Kokatha/Wirangu Colours in the Summertime Oakden

Vera Richards b.1982

Barngarla *Seven Sisters* Galinyala - Port Lincoln

OUR YOUNG MOB 2022

Amali Hirschausen b.2005 Warangu, Kokatha, Kuarna and Mirning Kangaroos Travelling to a Meeting Place Port Lincoln

Caleb Penrose b.2014
Tennant Creek, Warumungu
Reading is Life
Adelaide

Dakota Phan b.2015 Narangga, Kaurna *Family* Burton

Emma Ashby b.2013 Torres Strait, Northern Territory, Queensland Family Meeting Adelaide

Harlem Miller b.2014 Blacktown, Red Fern, Tennant Creek Life Depicted Spectrum Adelaide

Isaac Miller b.2012 Blacktown, Red Fern, Tennant Creek Aboriginal Family My Cats Adelaide

Isabelle Gray b.2010 Ngunawal Connected to Earth Killing the Earth Adelaide **Jesse Retallick** b.2006 Bunganditj *Fertile Earth*

Port Lincoln

Joshua Roebucks-Parkes b.2011

Kaurna *Earth Communication Meeting Place*Adelaide

Kiara Ashby b.2010 Torres Strait, Northern Territory, Queensland Aboriginal Families Adelaide

Lachlan Yeates b.2012 Wilcannia *Born Leader My Life's Journey* Adelaide

Lola Miller b.2010 Aboriginal, Ceduna *Family* Adelaide

Lucas Retallick b.2008 Bunganditj Protection Port Lincoln

Lucas Retallick and Robert Roderick Varcoe b.2008 Bunganditj (Lucas), Bargarla, Narangga (Robert) Learning Circles Port Lincoln

Macinta Fowler b.2005 Kokatha, Wirangu, Mirning Earth's Crust Port Lincoln

Ronald Freeman b.2010 Ngunawal Colour of Phantom Respect Others Adelaide **Tahneesha Yeates** b.2015 Wilcannia *Me and My Brother* Adelaide

Tayah Strangways b.2011 Narranga, Ngarrindjeri, Kokatha *My Identity* Adelaide

Temaana Sanderson-Bromley b.2004 Adnyamathanha, Narungga, Yarluyandi *Akurra* Adelaide

Temeda Watson b.2007 Warlpiri *Aboriginal Land* Adelaide

Tristan Francis b.2011 Narrunga *The Meetings* Adelaide

Tyrone Ward b.2010 Pitjantjatjara *Ngayuku Ngura* Kalka

Ulani Williams-Psorakis b.2007 Wiradjuri Connections Connections 2 - Coming Together As One Adelaide

Zachary O'Donnell b.2005 Kamilaroi, Gamilaraay *Woven Basket The Morning Star and His Sons* Adelaide

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We also acknowledge and thank Aboriginal artists throughout South Australia for their faith and enthusiasm for the continuation of OUR MOB into its seventeenth year. Your creative vision allows Australians to share in cultural understanding through the arts.

Adelaide Festival Centre is indebted to the artists and all the people who work to make OUR MOB a reality. We thank you for your commitment, faith, and dedicated efforts in bringing the project to fruition.

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