

**Colina Wymarra unveils her much-anticipated solo exhibition**

**at the Judith Wright Art Centre**

Acclaimed Remote Artist Award winner, Colina Wymarra, will unveil her much-anticipated solo exhibition at the Judith Wright Art Centre from 6th – 20th September 2024. This exhibition offers a profound exploration of Wymarra's cultural identity, delving into her rich heritage as both a Gudang/Yadhaykenu Woman from Cape York and a Dauareb/Komet Woman from Mer Island in the Torres Strait.

Wymarra's work is a powerful narrative that challenges mainstream depictions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories. Through her use of acrylic on canvas and ceramics, she takes visitors on an artistic journey that celebrates the complexity and beauty of her identity.

A person holding a fabric with turtles

Description automatically generatedThe exhibition is more than an artistic display; it is a personal homage to her parents, Kaunur Wymarra (née Maza) and Ted Wymarra, who profoundly influenced her work. While the pieces are not direct portraits, they encapsulate her parents’ spirits, represented through their Family and Tribal Totems, offering a deeply personal connection to her heritage.

"I wanted to show the observer who I am and how richly intricate my identity is. The stories of my people have been fragmented and 'whitewashed' throughout time. I hope this exhibition will take you through a journey of the celebrated identity of my people and…me," said Wymarra.

A close up of a painting

Description automatically generatedBorn on Thursday Island, Wymarra’s artistic journey began at the age of nine, inspired by the works of Albert Namatjira. Her work has gained recognition across Australia, with previous exhibitions at UMI Arts in Cairns and representation by the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island. Additionally, one of her pieces will be featured in an upcoming book by international publishing house Simon & Schuster later this year.

This exhibition at the Judith Wright Art Centre is a unique opportunity for art lovers and cultural enthusiasts to experience Wymarra’s powerful storytelling through art. Her pieces are a testament to her dedication to sharing the stories of her people with audiences around the world.

**Dates:** 6th – 20th September 2024

**Location:** Judith Wright Art Centre, Brisbane

**Opening Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

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