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Feast of fibre at Flinders University City Gallery

Flinders University City Gallery is set to launch two exhibitions that celebrate the talents of Aboriginal weavers from the Top End.

Comprising one hundred and thirty pieces, including baskets, bags, mats, sculptural figures and jewellery Women with Clever Hands: Gapuwiyak Miyalkurrwurr Gong Djambatjmala explores contemporary fibre practice in the remote community of Gapuwiyak. The rich selection of work reflects a wide diversity of styles and techniques, and reveals much about the social and cultural lives of the artists and the country on which they live.

Curated by Dr Louise Hamby (Australian National University) with assistance from Lucy Wanapuyngu, and in collaboration with the women of the Gapuwiyak community, Women with Clever Hands is a first with regards to its breadth and depth. It is complemented by the fully illustrated publication Containers of Power.

The second exhibition Collecting Colour showcases illustrations from Kylie Dunstan’s award winning children’s book of the same name. Created with pencil and paint overlaid with handmade Nepalese paper and coloured string, Dunstan brings to life the painstaking process of making pandanus baskets through the eyes of a small white girl.

The book was inspired during the year Dunstan spent employed by Injalak Art Centre in Western Arnhem Land, where she made many trips out bush with local women to collect pandanus leaves and natural dyes used to make the woven objects.

Women with Clever Hands and Collecting Colour are perfect companions guaranteed to delight audiences young and old alike.

Exhibition openings 5 - 7 pm Saturday 26 March 2011
Opening speaker Brian Parkes, Managing Director, JamFactory Contemporary Craft & Design
Floortalk and demonstration 3 - 4 pm Saturday 26 March 2011
Exhibition Dates 26 March - 8 May 2011
Location Flinders University City Gallery, State Library of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide
Gallery hours Tue - Fri 11 - 4, Sat & Sun 12 - 4
Gallery contact Phone 08 8207 7055, Email city.gallery@flinders.edu.au

Flinders University Art Museum is a cultural facility that collects, documents and promotes engagement with visual art and craft. Through the City Gallery it presents exhibitions and public programs that aim to stimulate, enliven and enrich the communities it serves.

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Women with Clever Hands is a Wagga Wagga Art Gallery initiative backed by Visions of Australia, an Australian Government Program supporting touring exhibitions by providing funding assistance for the development and touring of cultural material across Australia.