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National Gallery of Australia announces Patricia Piccinini as guest artist for National Summer Art Scholarship 2011

The **National Gallery of Australia** will host the **National Art Summer Scholarship** from **15 to 21 January 2011**. The Scholarship program is proudly supported by the **National Australia Bank**. The only national program of its kind in the country, the scholarship brings sixteen year eleven students from across Australia to Canberra for a week of workshops, tours and discussions where the scholars will learn about the National Gallery of Australia's many roles and functions, permanent collection and current major exhibition, **Ballets Russes: the art of costume**. The guest artist involved in this year's Summer Scholarship program is well known contemporary artist **Patricia Piccinini**, who will meet the scholars and discuss her work, *The Stags*, currently on display in the National Gallery of Australia.

The 2011 Summer Scholarship participants will take part in creative workshops with artists', mentoring with the Gallery's professional staff and exposure to the behind the scenes workings of a major cultural institution, creating a unique understanding of the many career opportunities that art galleries and museums can offer.

"The National Summer Art Scholarship continues to be a highlight of Education programs at the Gallery. With National Australia Bank as a sponsor, the program has had the chance to develop. Each year the students selected from across Australia generate the programs dynamism and energy", said Adriane Boag, Manager of Youth and Community Programs, National Gallery of Australia.

The 2011 National Summer Art Scholarship attracted over 400 applications from remote, regional and metropolitan Australia. The variety and high quality of applications demonstrates the strength and interest for the visual arts across the country.

"As a proud supporter of the arts, we are delighted to support Australia's next generation of budding young artists through the National Summer Art Scholarship", said Mr James Gower, Regional Executive, Retail, National Australia Bank.

"Providing students with the opportunity to explore their artistic potential is something we are very passionate about and, on behalf of NAB, I wish the successful students all the very best for the workshops," said Mr Gower.

Patricia Piccinini is one of the leading artists of her generation, and has achieved critical recognition in Australia and internationally. Born in Sierra Leone in 1965, Piccinini arrived in Australia in 1972. She has held many important solo exhibitions in Australia and overseas and in 2003 was selected to represent Australia in the 50th Venice Biennale.

Applications for the 2012 National Art Summer Scholarship will commence in August 2011.

The National Summer Art Scholarship is also proudly supported by the Brassey of Canberra and the ANU School of Art.



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The 2011 National Art Summer Scholars are:

Western Australia

Frances White, Santa Maria College WA
Graham Mathwin, Scotch College WA

South Australia

Lillian Brassil Hedger, Mercedes College SA
Blake Griffiths, Trinity College Senior School SA

Northern Territory

Kirsten Hill, Nhulunbuy High School NT
Genevieve Harold, Casuarina Senior College NT

Victoria

Jake Wallace, St Ignatius College VIC
James Woodhart, Caulfield Grammar VIC

Tasmania

Sophia Powell, St Michael's Collegiate School TAS
Jeremy Scott, The Don College TAS

Australian Capital Territory

Susannah Bourke, Merici College ACT
Belle Palmer, Narrabundah College ACT

New South Wales

Alexandra Wale, The Illawarra Grammar School NSW
Thomas Pearson, Orange Christian School NSW

Queensland

Natasha Kinmonth, Cairns State School QLD
Valerio Cavazza, Macgregor State High School QLD

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