

Nominations Now Open Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2013

The *Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards* is a national award founded in 2008 to celebrate the breadth, diversity and excellence in art from all corners of Indigenous Australia. The awards acknowledge the significant and ongoing contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists make to Australian art, culture and society.

Since the inaugural *Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards* in 2008, the Awards have attracted nominations from 734 outstanding individual artists and artist groups.

These national awards are open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists currently living in Australia, working in any theme or media, including (but not restricted to) painting on bark, canvas and paper, prints, sculpture, fibre art, ceramics, glass, photography, and digital media.

These Awards are comprised of a group exhibition of outstanding art and three non-acquisitive awards:

- *Western Australian Indigenous Art Award* of \$50,000 (national)
- *Western Australian Artist Award* of \$10,000 (for a Western Australian artist)
- *People's Choice Award* of \$5,000 (most votes from the public)

Nominations close at 5pm (WST) on Monday 14 January 2013.



A digital Nomination Package for entering the *Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards 2013* can be downloaded here: <http://www.artgallery.wa.gov.au/exhibitions/Awards.asp>

People requiring further information on the nomination process should contact the Awards Curator on +61 8 9492 6623 or email: IndigenousArtAward@artgallery.wa.gov.au

Western Australian Artist Award Winner 2011

Jan Billycan
Kirriwirri 2011

synthetic polymer paint on linen
120 x 90 cm

State Art Collection, Art Gallery of Western Australia
Purchased through The Leah Jane Cohen Bequest,
Art Gallery of Western Australia Foundation, 2011
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