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Gold Coast City Gallery shows works from South Stradbroke Island Indigenous Artist Camp in MY STORY exhibition

Gold Coast City Gallery presents MY STORY, a unique exhibition showcasing the artistic efforts from recent South Stradbroke Island Indigenous Artist Camp, on display in the Foyer Gallery 10 September to 25 October.

Developed by City of Gold Coast and presenting partner Gold Coast City Gallery, the South Stradbroke Island Indigenous Artist Camp, now in its second year, has yet again uncovered and revealed some exciting talent.

Mentored by nationally and internationally acclaimed artist Fiona Foley, the camp was a unique opportunity where participants spent five days sharing, creating and learning with the renowned artist.

Collaborative processes, passionate conversations, connecting family histories and exploring new mediums of expression are all part of this creative boot-camp. Foley led the group through various workshops and discussions across art and politics, with creative outcomes ranging from original prints using pencil, charcoal and oxides to multimedia works.

Jo-Anne Driessens, recent Indigenous Coordinator at The Arts Centre Gold Coast, said the artist camp was an inspiration, with artists forming an instant bond when they arrived at Stradbroke Island.

‘This year’s Indigenous Artist Camp on South Stradbroke Island led by Fiona Foley became another reminder about the importance in creative art practices facilitated ‘on country’ and away from the busy nine to five distractions. By day two Fiona had started to push the comfort zones of each artist, which led to the creation of impressive new works being produced through the use of charcoal, pigments and melted bees wax processes on rag paper and combined group work for site specific installations in the nearby bush and beach setting. I have no doubt that this year will present another unique exhibition of new works which will broaden and enlighten the minds of all visitors who will have the pleasure in viewing the works in person... definitely a must see!’ says Driessens.

Exhibiting Artist Jacinda Washington wrote ‘Spent a very rewarding and mind blowing weekend on South Stradbroke Island with a group of 12 awesomely talented and whole-spirited Aboriginal and Island men and women sharing, learning, appreciating, complimenting and growing together as artists and as strong First Nations people, this opportunity has also brought so many great people together and also added to the growth and preservation of Love and Culture.’

This exhibition is an exclusive window into the participating artists’ experience and features some of the inspired sketches, objects and works created during their time on country.


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