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MEDIA RELEASE

THE DAWNING OF A NEW GENERATION OF MANINGRIDA ARTISTS NOW ON AT ART ATRIUM

EXHIBITION OPEN 7 JUNE – 2 JULY

WITH OFFICIAL OPENING SATURDAY 11 JUNE

Art Atrium will host the next generation of rising stars from Maningrida Arts and Culture this June with its latest exhibition, *Dawning*.

Maningrida is a self-governing Indigenous community based in the heart of Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Its name is derived from the Kunibídjí name Manayingkarírra, which refers to "the place where the Dreaming changed shape."

Maningrida Arts and Culture (MAC) is recognised for its quality and innovative Indigenous art and is home to renowned bark painter and sculptor, John Mawurndjul.

Dawning - Artists from Maningrida Arts and Culture will feature artists including Irenie Ngalinba, Susan Marawarr, Debra Wurrkidj, Emmanuel Wurrkidj, Elyssa Cameron, Aileena Lamanga, Hamish Karrkarrhba, Dion Wurrkidj and Annie Wurrkidj. Irenie Ngalinba, Debra Wurrkidj and Emmanuel Wurrkidj were previous finalists in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Awards. Susan Marawarr's work is in the collection of Art Gallery of Western Australia, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney and National Gallery of Australia.

*"Art Atrium is excited to host the next generation of Maningrida artists. The gallery is always strongly committed to supporting artists with promise and potential and our exhibition *Dawning* is a wonderful way for us to uphold this philosophy,"* Art Atrium director Simon Chan said.

The exhibition will be opened by prominent Australian writer, art consultant and independent curator, Jennifer Isaacs AM.

Details for the exhibition opening are:

Date: 11 June 2011

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Art Atrium, 181 Old South Head Road, Bondi Junction NSW 2022.

The exhibition is open from 7 June – 2 July 2011. The gallery is open Monday – Saturday, 11-4pm and by appointment. Full catalogue for *Dawning* will be available at www.artatrium.com.au.

Ends.

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About Art Atrium

Art Atrium is about exceptional art. It seeks to achieve this objective through a commitment to artists with promise and potential as well as investment quality works. Founded in 2009, Art Atrium specialises in contemporary Australian and Aboriginal art and is a strong advocate for cross-cultural collaboration. The art gallery's philosophy advocates art not just as a reflection of modern living but an expression of future possibilities. For more information about Art Atrium, see www.artatrium.com.au. Open Mon-Sat 11-4pm and by appointment.