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Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

Another stunning array at the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award

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A mix of artists from throughout Australia have done their states and territories proud at this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award (NATSIAA).

The 2015 Award has seen some hot competition from across the nation with about a third of the finalists from the Northern Territory.

"This is Australia's most prestigious award celebrating Indigenous artists," Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"And I believe the competition was strong with 290 entries and 65 finalists.

"The Northern Territory Government is a proud partner in the awards with Telstra, the principal sponsor since 1992. Congratulations to everyone involved and especially the very talented and committed artists."

Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins praised the quality and passion demonstrated in this year's entries.

"As always, the works are just stunning and again the award exhibition will not disappoint," Minister Higgins said.

"My congratulations to all the entrants, finalists and winners who have poured their hearts into entering wonderful pieces. I was honoured to announce the Telstra Bark Painting Award winner tonight - Yirrkala artist Nonggirnga Marawilli."

Overall winner of the Award was Western Australian artist Jukuja Dolly Snell for her work *Kurtal*.

The other Territory artist to gain recognition was Rhonda Sharpe from Larapinta Town Camp in Alice Springs who won the Wandjuk Marika Memorial Three-Dimensional Award for her work *Rhonda*.

A full list of the category winners is attached.

The 32nd Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award exhibitions will be on display at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory until Sunday 1 November.

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