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COME AND SEE OUR MOB AT THE ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE

The Adelaide Festival Centre is proud to present **Our Mob**, a celebration of regional and remote South Australian Aboriginal artists on display in the Festival Centre Artspace and foyers 8 August - 24 September. From our southern coasts, through the Flinders Ranges and the Riverland to the red desert sands of the state's north, **this exhibition, for the first time, draws together works of aboriginal artists from all across the state.**

The Centre recognises that it is situated on the traditional land of the Kurna people and is committed to reconciliation with Australia's Indigenous people. **Our Mob** is an exhibition of new works by established, emerging and lesser-known South Australian Aboriginal artists from areas as remote as Ceduna, Coober Pedy and Port Augusta. The artworks are available for purchase.

Our Mob recognises and celebrates the diverse histories, environments, customs and art of Aboriginal South Australians. The exhibition demonstrates the diverse yet interwoven links that both bind and separate Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal South Australians and shows the energy and spirit of contemporary Aboriginal traditions. It will be an opportunity for South Australians and visitors to experience, learn and respect the diversity of culture that exists in our state.

Also coinciding with the exhibition is **Sharing Our Stories**, a two-day forum for South Australian Aboriginal Artists, to be held Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 August in the Festival Centre Banquet Room.

Presented by Ananguku Arts, these unique forums will have a number of sessions during which Aboriginal artists and representatives of arts projects from around South Australia will discuss a range of topics, including setting up and running arts projects, selling, marketing art, copyright and seeking funding.

It will be an opportunity for Aboriginal artists to network with each other and government representatives, and to learn more about making their arts practices grow.

Adelaide Festival Centre CEO and Artistic Director, Douglas Gautier, says, "This exhibition is one of the most comprehensive exhibitions of contemporary work by South Australia's community based Indigenous visual artists. It demonstrates the Adelaide Festival Centre's commitment to promoting and celebrating Indigenous artwork, and providing rural artists with opportunities to meet one another and other arts industry professionals."

What: Adelaide Festival Centre Exhibition: Our Mob
When: 9 August - 24 September 2006
Where: Artspace, Adelaide Festival Centre
(Access via Festival Drive, or Dunstan Playhouse Foyer)
Disability access via Festival Bridge from North Terrace,
or AFC Amphitheatre ramp
Opening Hours: 12noon - 5pm Wednesday - Sunday
Cost: FREE



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Our Mob will be officially opened on Tuesday 8 August with a Kurna welcome by Uncle Lewis O'Brien and special guest speakers: Che Cockatoo-Collins Ambassador for the Indigenous Entrepreneur Program (Department of Trade and Economic Development, Minister John Hill, Adelaide Festival Centre CEO and Artistic Director Douglas Gautier, Alison Carroll Chairperson Ku Arts and Colin Koch General Manager Ananguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation.

Our Mob is a major initiative for Aboriginal reconciliation and collaboration between the Adelaide Festival Centre and our partners in the arts of South Australia: regional and remote Aboriginal art centres and artists, Ananguku Arts, Country Arts SA, Tandanya and Arts SA.

What: Sharing Our Stories Forum
When: 7 and 8 August 2006
Where: Banquet Room, Adelaide Festival Centre
Hours: 9am - 5pm (morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided)
Cost: FREE for Indigenous artists or arts workers
\$100 con./ \$200 + GST for others
Bookings essential - to register phone Felicity Wright 8685 4367

Sharing Our Stories is supported by Arts SA; Country Arts SA through the Regional Arts Fund, the Australian Government's initiative supporting the arts in regional and remote Australia; the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts; and the Adelaide Festival Centre.

To complement **Our Mob** Tandanya will be showing **Our City Mob** showcasing the artworks of metropolitan South Australian Aboriginal artists from 4 August - 5 November.

Our Mob is proudly supported by the Commonwealth Government of Australia, the Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination, the State Government of South Australia, Arts SA, Finlaysons Lawyers and Ku Arts who have all come together to make this inaugural exhibition possible.

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