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NEW EXHIBITION LAUNCH: GOULBURN REGIONAL ART GALLERY OPENS 'PRIMAVERA: YOUNG AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS' FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is delighted to be launching *Primavera: Young Australian Artists* toured by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia in partnership with Museums & Galleries of NSW. The exhibition will open on the 14 February and run until 22 March 2025. The opening event is from 6-8pm and is free and open to all audiences.

The *Primavera* touring exhibition is guest curated by Talia Smith and features *Primavera 2023* artists Tiyan Baker (NSW), Christopher Bassi (QLD), Moorina Bonini (VIC), Nikki Lam (VIC), Sarah Poulgrain (QLD) and Truc Truong (SA). Working across video, painting, sculpture, installation and text, the exhibition considers themes of protest, perseverance, identity and history.

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is thrilled to be hosting this important exhibition which sees significant investment, support and promotion of exciting emerging Australian curators and artists. The exhibition speaks directly to the Gallery's foundational beliefs and aims in supporting and presenting the work of living artists who are developing new ambitious work which connect closely to the experiences and concerns of our community today.

Suzanne Cotter, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia said: 'MCA Australia's annual *Primavera* exhibition is recognised as a unique and pivotal launch pad in an artist's career. Each year is a privileged opportunity to see the energy and commitment of a new generation of artists who will be defining how we see and understand art now and in the future. It is fitting that this showcase exhibition reaches galleries across Australia with the artists of the future through this partnership with Museums & Galleries of NSW.'

Brett Adlington, CEO, Museums & Galleries of NSW said: 'We are incredibly excited to partner with the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia for the first time on a tour of great national significance. *Primavera* has long held an important role highlighting the work of emerging artists from across the country, but to date audiences have only been able to see the show in Sydney. Thanks to this partnership and Visions of Australia support, the 2023 iteration will bring that attention to a diverse range of institutions, ensuring regional communities across the country have first-hand access to this work.'

Yvette Dal Pozzo, Director, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery said: 'Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is excited to be hosting this important exhibition, touring from the leading institution the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia. The Gallery shares a belief in presenting ambitious exhibitions and supporting leading Australian artists. The legacy of *Primavera*, which has been running annually for over 30 years, is powerful. It has played an important role in the development of contemporary art practice in Australia and we are excited to share works by leading young artists with our audiences.'

A Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and Museums & Galleries of NSW touring exhibition, curated by Talia Smith. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program.

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