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**FROM BERLIN TO NEW DELHI:
INTERNATIONAL TOUR OF NGA INDIGENOUS MASTERWORKS REACHES INDIA**

The National Gallery of Australia's global tour of its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art collection continues with the launch of *Indigenous Australia: Masterworks from the NGA* at the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi on 15 June.

Fresh from a successful exhibition at the me Collectors Room in Berlin, this exhibition is the curtain raiser to *Australia Fest* in India. A public diplomacy initiative of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, *Australia Fest* strengthens India's ties to Australia through arts, culture and business activities.

'The NGA is proud to hold the most extensive collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork in the world,' said Dr Gerard Vaughan, NGA Director. 'By bringing these extraordinary artworks to India, the NGA advances the international recognition and understanding of Indigenous Australians' multi-faceted creative traditions.'

'*Indigenous Australia: Masterworks from the NGA* provides vital insight into one of the world's oldest, richest and most complex cultures,' said Franchesca Cubillo, NGA Senior Curator Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art.

'The collection of outstanding paintings, videos, sculptures and installations encompass iconic traditional Indigenous works while exploring the diversity of contemporary practice.'

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Indigenous Australia: Masterworks from the NGA is on show at the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi from 16 June to 26 August 2018.

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