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EXCLUSIVE NEW ART GALLERY, EMU APPLE, TO OPEN IN SPRING HILL ON NOVEMBER 27

Brisbane, AUSTRALIA (November 18, 2009) - From Dreamtime mythology and its sacred and secret songlines, there is no denying Australian indigenous artwork is now firmly recognised nationally and internationally. One person who knows this all too well and is trying to raise awareness of this traditional artwork on a national level is Helen Derbyshire, the curator behind Emu Apple, one of only a few specialised indigenous art galleries in Brisbane.

Emu Apple has been a lifelong passion of Ms Derbyshire, who has travelled around Australia to meet firsthand the artists behind the works she will be exhibiting on the gallery's opening night.

The exhibition will feature five significant artists including Walalal Tjapltjarri, Josie Petrick Kemarre, Joseph Zimran, Amnanari Napanganka and Gloria Petyarre. "These bold, brightly coloured contemporary, powerful and thought provoking works translate and describe the artist's sense of time and place in an ever-changing world," said Ms Derbyshire. "It is one thing to appreciate the visual form and their aesthetic appeal, but to assimilate the concepts the painting project from inside, is to define a way of life and of living."

This exhibition is especially poignant for Ms Derbyshire, who is excited to bring these otherwise unseen artworks by many in a capital city. "These paintings are sourced from art centres in some of the poorest communities in central Australia. The majority of the proceeds from the works sold will be put back into these communities to foster further artistic development of the next generation of artists."

The opening night for this exhibition, to be held on Friday November 27 2009, will showcase these unique and remarkable pieces of art. During the night, special guest, Dr Noelene Cole, Archaeologist, will also speak about the connections between rock art and the current permanent forms.

The exhibition will run until 15th December. In the New Year, Ms Derbyshire will return to central Australia to gather more works to showcase in her gallery. As well as the wall art, Emu Apple also has a vast array of one-of-a-kind didgeridoos, hand-made pottery and traditional jewellery.

It is hoped you can attend this exhibition. For more information, please contact Ms Derbyshire on 0439799288 or email helen@emuapple.com.au

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