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SHIVANJANI LAL NAMED 2019 EMERGING NSW VISUAL ARTS FELLOW

Lidcombe-based artist Shivanjani Lal has been named the **2019 Create NSW and Artspace NSW Emerging Visual Arts Fellow** at an exhibition of finalist works from shortlisted emerging artists last night at Artspace in Woolloomooloo.

Ms Lal will use the \$30,000 Fellowship funding for a program of activity involving network and skills development, research, a mentorship in India and London and the purchase of new equipment, culminating in her shooting new works in Fiji, India and the UK.

Ben Franklin, Parliamentary Secretary for Energy and the Arts, announced the news and praised the strength of the collective works from the emerging group.

“This is a fantastic exhibition which yet again showcases the strength, imagination and creativity of our emerging visual artists from across NSW.

“The Fellowship is a really exciting opportunity which has a terrific history of support. Now in its 23rd year, I’m delighted that as our Fellow, Shivanjani’s program will take her to new heights internationally as she learns from others and undertakes research that will inform bold new bodies of work.”

The Fellowship is chosen by a panel of industry peers chaired by Maud Page, Deputy Director and Director of Collections at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Artspace Executive Director Alexie Glass-Kantor commented, “Shivanjani’s work presented in this year’s fellowship represents a profoundly personal reflection on the relationship to movement and migration of people through time. Her practice will benefit greatly from the opportunities that the Fellowship provides. The Artspace team and myself are excited for what the future holds for Shivanjani and extend our warmest congratulations.”

Fellow shortlisted artists Make or Break (Connie Anthes and Rebecca Gallo), Harriet Body, Nick Dorey, Amala Groom, Katy B Plummer, Linda Sok, Leyla Stevens, JD Reforma, Shireen Taweel and Jelena Telecki were present at the exhibition launch.

The 2019 NSW Visual Arts Fellowship (Emerging) exhibition will run at Artspace Visual Arts Centre, Woolloomooloo until 15 December 2019 – see more information [here](#).

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About the artist

Shivanjani Lal (Lidcombe, Western Sydney): Twice-removed Fijian-Indian-Australian artist and curator. Shivanjani works across mediums to explore her dislocation that seeks to account for memory, erasure, healing and the archive.

Her current research posits that her body and the landscapes she is from hold the grief of being removed. Her work attempts to document and create gestures of healing, and has been shown in Australia, New Zealand, India, Barbados and France.

- **Program of Activity:** Shivanjani's program will develop her professional networks and technical skills and fund the purchase of new equipment for her works. Her program will include a mentorship with Mauritian British artist Shiraz Bayjoo in India and London and enable her to research and shoot new multi-channel video work in Fiji, India and the UK.