



**Your inspiration
Your conversation
Your Museum
Your MCA**

[Sydney, 17 April 2020] The Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (MCA) is delighted to announce its new digital initiative *Your MCA* providing ways to connect with contemporary art and Australian artists while the Museum is closed.

The MCA is dedicated to connecting communities to contemporary art and artists and this is equally important during challenging times. *Your MCA* offers free, online creative learning programs for a broad range of audiences to inspire and spark people's own creativity.

The program includes kids and families art activities for the April school holidays, inspired by the 22nd Biennale of Sydney **NIRIN** exhibition; a youth-led online GENEXT for teens aged 12 to 18 years; conversations between MCA curators and leading Australian and international artists on what it means to be an artist working today; and online learning programs for parents and teachers to help children while home from school.

MCA Australia Director, Elizabeth Ann Macgregor OBE said that these new digital resources will help people reflect, find solace and see the world in new ways.

'The MCA may be closed but we continue to provide people across Australia with meaningful ways to engage with contemporary art and help us see a positive future beyond these difficult times,' she said.

'We're working hard to offer many of our onsite programs at the Museum online and we hope that these resources will provide much-needed respite for our communities,' Macgregor added.

Your MCA online activities are now live from the [MCA website](#) with more digital experiences being added over the coming weeks.

Check the [MCA website](#) and social media channels, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), or search #YourMCA for updates.

Details of the full program are below.

MCA AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES ONLINE PROGRAM Your MCA

Museum of
Contemporary
Art Australia

School holidays: Better Together with Pip and Merindah!

Monday 20 – Friday 24 April, 9am

Free | Ages 4–12

Five days of free activities that investigate themes in the 22nd Biennale of Sydney: **NIRIN** exhibition, taking inspiration from artists Nonggirriŋa Marawili, Mayunkiki, Tony Albert, and Pedro Wonaeamirri with Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri. Each day at 9am, a new art-making activity will be published on the MCA website with step-by-step instructions, starting with children making their own special pouch to hold **Ngawal-Guyungan ('powerful ideas': the power of objects)**.

Artist Voice

Launching in April

Free

MCA curators have developed close relationships with Australian and international artists, and the *Artist Voice* series shares this through intimate video, audio and written conversations. These dialogues will offer unique insights into what it means to be an artist working today and the role artists can play in society during a crisis. Artists include Abdul-Rahman Abdullah, Gemma Smith, Janet Laurence, Lee Mingwei, Karla Dickens, Phuong Ngo, Ronnie van Hout, and many more.

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Tour the Museum | Available on smartphone and desktop

Take a virtual tour of the 22nd Biennale of Sydney: **NIRIN** exhibition with 360-degree views of the artworks at the MCA. Hear an audio introduction from Artistic Director Brook Andrew, plus short artist talks by Zanele Muholi, Tarek Lakhrissi, Aziz Hazara, Pedro Wonaeamirri and more.

GENEXT Goes Online

Sunday 31 May, 6–9pm

Free | Ages 12–18

Programmed by the MCA Youth Committee, GENEXT Goes Online takes the popular youth-led program into the digital realm. This one-off Sunday evening program includes stimulating online activities such as guided meditations, a quarantine-couture costume competition, youth-led panel talks, live performances and interactive art-making prompts.

[Online digital learning resources](#)

Free | Primary and secondary students

Browse over 140 free activities and class kits designed for learners to engage with an artist, exhibition or theme. The activities are co-produced with MCA Artist Educators and can be used at home by parents home-schooling, or in the classroom by primary and secondary teachers. Related to previous exhibitions, the kits cover a broad spectrum of topics including climate change, feminism, food security, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language and culture.

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