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Indigenous artists capture nature in woodcut workshop

A collaboration between five aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from UTAS Riawunna Centre Murina program, Launceston Polytechnic and the Tasmanian College of the Arts and five members of Hobart's not-for-profit Hunter Island Press will result in a series of spectacular woodcut prints destined for exhibition in December.

Today and tomorrow (**May 30-31**) the art students will learn woodcut printmaking and hand-printing techniques from Jennifer Marshall, an award-winning artist from Victoria.

Jennifer was head of printmaking at Sydney College of the Arts from 1977 to 1989 before moving to Victoria where she taught at RMIT, Monash, Ballarat and La Trobe universities.

She is joined at the workshop by UTAS Riawunna Centre art tutor and Murina bridging program co-ordinator Brigitte Wolfe, who is a respected contemporary indigenous artist, silversmith and designer from Launceston.

When HIP workshop co-ordinator Steph Parkyn approached Brigitte about working on a project with the indigenous community Brigitte said that she "grabbed the opportunity with both hands".

"What a wonderful way to share across regions, across cultures, and give those involved the chance to share their stories and start new friendships – it really is a lovely experience," she said.

"Hopefully this workshop and exhibition will become an annual event which will continue to benefit our more advanced art students at UTAS."

The Woodcut Workshop is supported by the Clarence City Council and the UTAS Centre for University Pathways and Partnerships and the resulting works will be exhibited in December at the Makers Mark exhibition at the Rosny Schoolhouse Gallery in Hobart.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

The media is invited to attend the final day of the Woodcut Workshop tomorrow.

WHEN: Friday, May 31, 2013, 10-4pm.

WHERE: Hunter Island Press studio, Wirksworth House, Bellerive. Turn off the Howrah main road into Wentworth St alongside Clarence High School. On the corner of Wentworth St and South St you will find Wirksworth House.

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