

Tactile Arts
Presents



Tropical Takeover

at the Darwin Waterfront
19 Oct - 19 Nov



The Tropical Takeover

From the 19th October — 19th November, Tactile Arts and Darwin Waterfront are partnering up to bring you a brand spanking new event like never before. Featuring art on a grand scale, suspended sculptures, paintings, yarn bombing and illustrations, where shopfronts form the canvas, and walkways make the gallery.

This new, exciting and interactive arts and crafts event features installations from local artists and local schools, showcasing some of the incredible creative talent in the Top End.

Encompassing 12 Waterfont locations from Hot Tamale to Adina Hotel, Crepe Escape to Stokes Hill Wharf; check out the map and follow one giant arts trail, providing entertainment, exposure and creative adventures, all in place over four amazing weeks!

... Tactile Arts...

Tactile Arts is one of Darwin's longest established member-based arts organisations, providing ongoing support for emerging and established artists and craftspeople in the Top End.

Their annual schedule of events includes year round back to back exhibitions, member shows, a vibrant workshop program, ever growing craft fairs and an artist-in-residence program.

Tactile Arts is located in the grounds of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, just five minutes from the centre of Darwin. With fully equipped studios, you can paint, screenprint, undertake silversmithing and jewellery making, throw clay on the wheel or construct your glass creation, finishing your work off by firing it up in the kilns.

Whether professional or beginner, you can create your magnificent masterpieces at Tactile Arts!

Keep updated about what's happening at Tactile Arts:

Facebook: Tactile Arts

Instagram: @tactilearts

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People's Choice Award Vote and Win!

Vote for your favourite Tropical Takeover installation for your chance to **win a workshop @ Tactile Arts**, PLUS, the installation artist/s voted as the People's Choice Award winner will take home Flight Centre prizes, so get voting!

Be in the draw to win a spot in one of Tactile Art's vibrant and diverse workshops run by professional craftspeople who bring a wealth of experience and undeniable talent to their classes. Develop new skills or expand your knowledge in a whole range of mediums including glass, ceramics, textiles, sculpture, drawing, painting, jewellery making, printmaking or mixed media, just to name a few!

How to enter?

1. Like and follow Tactile Arts on Instagram and/or Facebook.
2. Take a fun, creative photo of your favourite installation.
3. Hashtag #TROPOTAKEOVER as well as your favourite installation, i.e. #VOTEJUNGLE*

*Voting hashtags can be found on the following pages.

What's the voter prize?

1 voucher for a **workshop of your choice**, valued up to \$350.00!

Tropical Takeover People's Choice Award Winner

The People's Choice Award winner will take home \$400 worth of Flight Centre vouchers.

Voting opens on Thursday 19th October, with the winning installation to be announced at the finale of the event.

When will the workshop winner be announced?

The workshop winner will be notified by Friday 24th November. Entries will be judged on the creativity of the photograph taken. Voters social media pages must be viewable by the public for judges to view their selections and get in contact.



Win
a
Workshop!

Please note: Tactile Arts staff and community installations are eligible for votes, but are ineligible to receive the People's Choice Award prize. If voted as the winner, the prize will be given to the next runner up.



THE DARWIN WATERFRONT



...Installation 1...

At Darwin Waterfront's Skybridge entrance you'll find the Felt Leaf Jungle, featuring over 250 leaves created by local schools in collaboration with Tactile Arts.

Shout outs for these mini masterpieces go to **St Johns College, Years 8 & 9 Art Classes, Polly Johnstone's Year 10 classes at Palmerston Seniors College, Miss Grills class and after school care at Jingilli Primary School.**



#VOTEJUNGLE



#VOTETUTTIFRUTTI

...Installation 2...

At the bottom of the glass observation lifts, look up to see the Tutti Frutti Bat Colony, created by artists and art educators, **Tiffany Okazaki** and **Korin Lesh**. These Tutti Frutti Bats each hold iconic items that we love here in the Top End. Spot Pauls Iced Coffee, laksa noodles, fruit juice, ice cream, frangipani, as well as vibrant patterns and colourings reflecting the diversity of Darwin.



@leshkorin | @tiffany.okazak

...Installation 3...

Also at the **lower level lift entrance**, next to Tutti Frutti Bats, you'll find local artist and art educator **Amber Reid's** hand painted installation Tropical Matisse. This work focuses on bright colours and simplified forms from nature, influenced by 1960s modernist art and design, including the paper cut outs of Matisse as well as tropical plants and flowers from around the Northern Territory.



@ambiereid



#VOTETROPICALMATISSE



#VOTEPLANTWALL

...Installation 4...

Next up on the map is the yarn bombed Tropical Plant Wall, located at the entrance to **Curve Cafe & Bar**. This installation from local artist **Abbey Murray**, features over 250 pom pom plants in mossy jungle colours, textured greenery and splashes of bright yarn, complemented by hand painted poinciana seed pods and driftwood beads.



@eastpointpalette

...Installation 5...

Head into the foyer of the **Adina Hotel** for the Tropical Takeover's pop up exhibition. See works on display by Takeover artists as well as Tactile Arts members, all in the tropical theme.

All works on display can be purchased online, via the Tactile Arts website.

For enquiries please contact admin@tactilearts.org.au or the Tactile Arts office on 8981 6616. Curated by: **Kate Shearman**



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#VOTEFLYINGFOXES

...Installation 6...

Located in the windows next to **The Precinct Tavern** are the cheeky Flying Foxes in a Mango Tree.

These fun loving hand painted creatures, busy checking out passersby are created by Humpty Doo artist **Grace Craddock**, who follows the Top End flora and fauna theme in her comic artwork.



@gjcraaddock

...Installation 7...

On your way past the new **Waterfront playground** you won't be able to miss these vibrant and colourful trees.

Inspired by tropical flora and fauna, this installation by **Tess Duke** is inspired by pink flamingoes, frangipanis and rainbow feathered parrots, bringing a splash of colour to these already beautiful trees.



#VOTECOLOURFULTREES



#VOTEMERMAIDMOSAIC

...Installation 8...

Take a peek in the windows of the **Pearl Galleria** to view a stunning undersea Mermaid Mosaic, made by local artist **Ingrid Gersmanis**. Ingrid is a well-known and accomplished ceramicist, specialising in hand-built sculptures, mosaics, and decorative tiles.

Ingrid lives in Fannie Bay, with her seaglass, mermaid, and driftwood collection.



@ingrid_gersmanis

...Installation 9...

Prepare to journey down the rabbit hole with artists and art educators **Gisela Pineiro** and **Sophie Bound**, and their Alice in a Tropical Wonderland installation in the windows of **Crepe Escape**. You will witness a whimsical tropical inspired window display, using the layering effect of 3D images, paintings, paper cutouts and paper machè sculptures, forming the Alice in Wonderland characters we all know.



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@sboundarts



#VOTETROPICALALICE



#VOTESUGARSKULLS

...Installation 10...

Next up Tropical Sugar Skulls from local artist and art educator **Polly Johnstone**.

You won't miss these colour popping paintings, so get to **Hot Tamale** to check out this series of works that combines Mexican sugar skulls with Carmen Miranda and Frida Kahlo inspired headdresses!



@artby_misspolly

...Installation 11...

Venture over to the **Stokes Hill Wharf** to witness an installation created by Darwin artist **Sarah Body**. Sarah's work aims to raise awareness of environmental and climate concerns. The creations represent micro flora and fauna that are ubiquitous in world's oceans. Looking at a drop of water under a microscope can reveal an intriguing view of life of which most of us completely ignore.



@sarbodhi



#VOTEPLANKTON



#VOTEBIRDIES

...Installation 12...

Last but not least at the **Stokes Hill Wharf**, be amazed by the sheer size of this gigantic Bird Mobile created by **Shae Maree**. Constructed out of wire, dowel and fabric, this bird has a huge three metre wing span! This installation also features over 100 paper birds that have been beautifully decorated by **Essington School**, **Miss Grills class** and after school care at **Jingilli Primary School** and **Years 8 & 9 Art Classes** at **St Johns College**.



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