



Councillor Loretta Baker, Mayor of the City of Maitland, the Councillors of Maitland City Council together with Brigette Uren, Gallery Director of Maitland Regional Art Gallery warmly invite you to

# LUMINOSITY

A celebration of more than 4000 artworks from the MRAG Collection & 50 more from across the Hunter, 6 exhibitions, several events, 2 extraordinary paintings by Nonggirnga Marawili from Madarrpa, Yirrkala, Arnhem region, sensational sensory experiences, Wendy Sharpe as artist-in-residence and the Velvet Underground.

**SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018**

**FREE ENTRY! EVERYONE WELCOME!**

EVERY MEMBERSHIP & PURCHASE IN THE GALLERY SHOP SUPPORTS ART EDUCATION & ACCESS PROGRAMS AT MRAG.

MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

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## OPENING PROGRAM

- 10.00am** *Meet the Maker*
- 2.00pm** Visit the Gallery Shop to meet local artist Jaime Pritchard. View her spectacular installation *The Chandelier* and chat all things art, paper and process!
- 11.00am** Free Art Sunday
- 1.00pm**
- 11.00am** Live Performance by *Fancy*
- 11.30am** Mayor's Welcome
- 11.45am** Wendy Sharpe in conversation
- 12.00pm** Stuart Scott and curator Kim Blunt in conversation
- 12.15pm** *Razzamatazz* and the Hunter Red curators in conversation
- 12.35pm** Jen Denzin and Mandy Robinson in conversation



This activity is accessible and inclusive.  
MRAG is committed to providing access for all to attend our events.

## EXHIBITIONS

# WENDY SHARPE

## SECRETS

Wendy Sharpe is one of Australia's leading artists and is recognised for her confident and exuberant paintings which depict love, passion and daily life. Sharpe's expressionist depictions of voluptuous

women – often guises of herself – are filled with life, colour and movement. *Secrets* includes a selection of drawings and travel diaries, an immersive wall installation, and an eclectic sculpture of Sharpe herself.

25 May – 19 August 2018

### ARTIST IN RESIDENCY

Wendy Sharpe  
22 – 23 May 2018

Drop in to the Gallery to watch Wendy Sharpe paint her site specific installation directly onto the walls of the Gallery.

## HUNTER RED

The Hunter Red suite of exhibitions represents a collaborative vision shared by Hunter-based galleries: Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle Art Gallery and The Lock-Up Contemporary Art Space.

This collaborative project, Hunter Red, seeks to defy any one-dimensional view.

***We are Hunter Reds but 'red' is: the earth on which we stand and share; the symbol of celebration and revelry; our flesh and blood; and our political unrest.***

Each institution and exhibition examines a different vision of our region. It incorporates voices ignored and marginalised as well as celebrating joy and the fragility of our humanity. The Hunter Red collective challenges audiences to explore

all the diverse and innovative exhibitions in this project, to travel between the institutions, engage in a host of varied and exciting public programs and be astounded by the wealth of the combined Hunter collections.

*Razzamatazz* is MRAG's response.

***HUNTER RED: CORPUS***  
Newcastle Art Gallery  
26 May – 22 July 2018

***HUNTER RED: SEEING RED***  
The Lock Up  
26 May – 1 July 2018

***HUNTER RED: RAZZAMATAZZ***  
Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
5 May – 22 July

***HUNTER RED: RE(A)D EARTH***  
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery  
26 May – 22 July 2018

Hunter Cultural Collective project with partners: Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle Art Gallery, The Lock-Up.



# RAZZA MATAZZ

## THE THEATRE OF ART IN THE HUNTER COLLECTIONS

*Razzamatazz* at MRAG is showcasing the theatrically vibrant collected artworks from our region. These playful artworks, when choreographed together as an exhibition, demonstrate that art can be like a stage show: fun, spectacular, dramatic, poetic and entertaining.

5 May – 22 July 2018



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## ALL THAT GLITTERS

Jen Denzin and Mandy Robinson

On the surface, *All that Glitters* is a light-hearted look at some of the troubling oddities of the modern economy, examining the allure and the often short-lived pleasures of online shopping and discount store purchases, but underneath lies the subtle perversions of material culture in the 21st Century.

19 May – 2 September 2018

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## FACES OF MAITLAND

### Stuart Scott

*Faces of Maitland* is a series of photographs from the MRAG Collection by local photographer Stuart Scott. Scott's professional life as a photographer for the Maitland Mercury informed his intimate knowledge of the community and in this series he presents a snapshot of Maitland in 2011, placing the people and their lives within the fabric and culture of the city.

19 May – 12 August 2018

## LUMINOUS MAITLAND

### A community collaboration

MRAG repositions Scott's portrait series *Faces of Maitland* in a newly created community driven exhibition titled *Luminous Maitland*. We invite you to submit a portrait taken by you that tells a story about a local person of your choice, someone who inspires you, to hang in the Gallery's "Good Room".

4. Take in a coffee & relax in the comfort of Maitland's everyday luminaries.

19 May – 12 August 2018



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## WANT MORE OF MRAG?

### SENSE... ATIONAL! 26 May – 19 August 2018

What does a lollypop have to do with art? Looking at artworks is an obvious way to appreciate them, but not all of us are visual learners. Touch, smell, taste & sound cues are dotted throughout the Gallery this Winter to offer new ways of 'seeing'.

### COMMUNITY CHEST Open Collection Store 26 May – 22 July 2018 10.00am - 2.00pm

Peek in through the doors of the MRAG Collection Store this Winter to discover the Gallery's art collection *your way*.

### RAZZAMATAZZ THEATRE PERFORMANCE Sunday 17 June | 11.00am

Have you ever wondered what happens to the artworks when no one is around? MRAG champions seeing-making-doing and this is a chance for bright-minded kids to express themselves their way! Razzamatazz Theatre is a 6-week super-fun theatre project, with a once-only, not-to-be missed performance.

### ART CONSERVATOR TALK Saturday 2 June | 11.00am - 12 noon

Bring your own needy artworks in to meet Morpeth conservator Duncan Harty and discover practical methods to prolonging the life of your valued works on paper.

### BORN TO BUSK Sundays 3 June - 15 July 11.00am - 1.00pm

In the spirit of music, theatre & all things razzledazzle, celebrate Maitland's 'up-and-coming' in a series of busking performances this Winter. Register at [mrag.org.au](http://mrag.org.au) now to be one of them!

### NEWCASTLE MUSIC FESTIVAL Sunday 6 August 2018 | 5.30 - 7.30pm \$25 | \$20 MRAG Members price

The NMF is very pleased to offer, for the first time, a concert in the wonderful setting of Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Featuring the amazing duo of Susan Carson and Terence Koo, enjoy cabaret and jazz classics chosen in response to the vibrant exhibition of works by renowned Australian painter Wendy Sharpe. Ticket price includes a complimentary glass of Tyrrell's Wines and refreshments on arrival with an introduction to Wendy's exhibition *Secrets*.

# MRAG MEMBERS EVENTS

BECOME A MEMBER & JOIN THE MRAG FAMILY!

## COACH TRIP

**Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2018\***  
**PLUS White Rabbit Gallery Saturday 2 June**

**Soup Kitchen\* Friday 17 August | 6.00 - 7.30pm**

MRAG Members and Maitland Repertory Theatre come together over a hearty bowl of soup with Wendy Sharpe's *Secrets* exhibition as a backdrop, to be followed by the opening night performance of *All's Well That Ends Well* at The Repertory Theatre.

\*Tickets available through [maitlandticketing.com.au](http://maitlandticketing.com.au)

## UPCOMING OLIVE TREE MARKET

**Saturday 14 July 9.00am - 2.00pm**

## HAVE FOMO? We can help with that!

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### EXHIBITION PARTNERS



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Cover: Wendy Sharpe, *Circus Oz* (detail), 2016, gouache and pencil on Chinese rice paper, 55 x 750cm, Purchased by Maitland Regional Art Gallery with funds from the Estate of Peter Elliott, 2017. 1. Wendy Sharpe, *Secrets* (detail), undated, drawing installation, dimensions variable. 2. Nell, *Treasure*, 2003, mixed media, 38 x 23cm. Purchased by Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 2004. 3. Jen Denzin and Mandy Robinson, *All That Glitters*, mixed media, dimensions variable, photographed by Solomon Wilks. 4. *Stuart Scott, Fleeting Moments*, 2011, digital print, 75 x 112cm. Purchased by Maitland Regional Art Gallery, 2011. 5. Johnny Palooka, *Pat Howard* (detail), 2018, dimensions variable.

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