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A Unique Experience at DesArt in the Park

Territorians and visitors are invited to enjoy an evening under the stars to purchase local Aboriginal art, enjoy sumptuous food and relax with live music at DesArt in the Park to be held at the Alice Springs Desert Park on Wednesday, 31 March 2010.

DesArt, the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres and the Desert Park work together to see this biannual event to fruition.

Desert Park Sales and Marketing Manager Estelle Marshall said she's expecting the first DesArt in the Park for 2010 to be a great success with art work sold at the last event exceeding \$45,000 which went directly back to the art centres.

"More than 10 art centres affiliated with DesArt will be displaying and selling their works at the night market, set at the base of the stunning MacDonnell Ranges," Mrs Marshall said.

"This year we have a variety of works available to suit all budgets with the majority of art on sale priced below \$250."

"Most art work is of a manageable size for visitors that may be looking for a distinctive keepsake of their visit to the Territory."

"Sassy J and Leon Spurling will be setting the scene by performing some blues and folk acoustic original tunes and some classic covers throughout the evening," Ms Marshall said.

"Visitors can enjoy dinner under the stars as they browse the market, with a splendid array of food, chilled wine and beer available for purchase during the evening.

"DesArt in the Park also provides a great chance to witness the beauty of the Desert Park at night."

DesArt Art Centres are Aboriginal owned and controlled, with 100 per cent return to artists and Art Centres.

DesArt in the Park will be held at the Alice Springs Desert Park from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday, 31 March 2010 and entry is free.

For more information visit www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au.

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Media Note – for more information contact Estelle Marshall on 08 8951 8788.

Images – from previous DesArt in the Park events.

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