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Balgo Indigenous Arts Exhibition marks 50 years of Australia-Nepal ties

In a series of events to celebrate the 50 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and Nepal, the Australian Ambassador to Nepal, Susan Grace, will inaugurate an indigenous art exhibition, BALGO: Contemporary Australian Art from the Balgo Hills, on 21 November.

The exhibition features artists from the remote Balgo Hills region in the Western Australia. This is one of the most impressive exhibitions toured overseas by the Australian Government to promote greater understanding and awareness of Australia's indigenous cultures.

The artworks in this exhibition, which are more colourful than the Indigenous artworks that many viewers would be familiar with, convey the energy and dynamism of the culture of the Balgo Hills region. Artists include some of the most respected Balgo painters – already acknowledged as stars by the international art world – and some of the exciting new generation of emerging artists.

Consisting of contemporary paintings and etchings, the exhibition also presents a range of stories that demonstrate the strong connection Aboriginal people have with their traditions.

The exhibition will run until 5 December at the Siddhartha Art Gallery, Baber Mahal.

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