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JUDGING PANELS

Arts & Creative: Luke Carroll, Amrit Gill, Katrina Irawati Graham, Yasmin Gurreebow, Mikala Tai, Naomi Wenitong.

Media: Paula Kruger, Rhianna Patrick, Edmond Roy, Kean Wong.



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We're here for

THE LUMINAS Honouring Leadership In Media, Arts & Culture

30 April 2026



This program contains images and the names of Aboriginal people who have passed.

We're here to celebrate...

THE LUMINAS, a first-of-its-kind national honours program spotlighting the extraordinary contributions of First Nations and culturally diverse creatives and leaders across the arts, screen, and media sectors.

YOUR HOSTS

Luke Carroll and **Mahnaz Angury**

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Paul Ryan Gujaga Foundation

OPENING REMARKS

Brenna Hobson
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PERFORMANCES

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Lucky African Dance
DJ MK-1



CATEGORY 01

Storyteller

The **Storyteller Honour** is for truth-tellers shaping cultural identity through narrative and perspective.

Presented by **Weld Stories**.



ARTS/CREATIVE
William Yang



MEDIA
Jan Fran

CATEGORY 02

Leadership

The **Leadership Honour** is for visionaries who transform systems, mentor others, and create space.

Presented by **SBS** and **NITV**.



ARTS/CREATIVE
Rhoda Roberts AO



MEDIA
Lorena Allam

CATEGORY 03

Hall of Fame

The **Hall of Fame Honour** is lifetime recognition for transformative, decades-long contributions to the arts and media.

Presented by **Hachette Australia**.



ARTS/CREATIVE
Oodgeroo Noonuccal



MEDIA
Majida Abboud-Saab OAM

