

# Focus on women artists in Japan



THE works of 12 Aboriginal female photographers have been on display at a major Japanese

art show this month.

The photographs were in the 'Sights from Sirens' display at the 19th JAALA International Art Exhibition at the Kawasaki Art Museum in Japan.

JAALA (Japan, Asian, African and Latin American Artists Association) has been expanded this year to include a focus on Aboriginal Australia.

The overarching title for the Aboriginal Australian exhibition at JAALA is *Midden*, curated by Murri artist Jenny Fraser.

As part of that exhibition, the works of the 12 photographers has been front and centre.

"This is particularly significant as a large group exhibition of women photographers is a first," Ms Fraser said.

The photographers are Cairns-based Gertrude Davis, Sharon Karami, Nickeema Williams and Ms Fraser; Barbara McGrady, Michelle Blakeney, and r e a from NSW, Tasmania's Vicki West, Charmaine Green (WA), Colleen Raven (SA), and Sandy O'Sullivan, Jo-Anne Driessens and writer Tahlee Walsh, all from Queensland.



*Kayarah* by Sharon Karami, one of the photographs on display for the JAALA International Art Exhibition in Japan.