



BLACK SWAN PRIZE FOR PORTRAITURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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RECORD ENTRIES FOR BLACK SWAN PRIZE FOR PORTRAITURE

A record number of entries were received for the 2016 Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, with 484 artists from throughout Australia entering WA's only portrait prize, up from 375 last year.

The number of youth entries was also up from last year with 167 students from years 7 – 12 entering this year.

Entries closed on 22 July, 2016, and the judges will now have a very difficult time choosing the finalists who will be vying for \$70,000 worth of prizes - including the main \$50,000 Lester Group Prize, \$10,000 Toni Fini Foundation Artist Prize, the \$7500 Amana Living People's Choice Prize and two Highly Commended \$500 gift vouchers from HU Kendall & Co.

The Black Swan Prize for Portraiture is the third richest prize in Australia behind the Archibald and Moran competitions. The finalists will be announced on 5 August, 2016.

The finalist artworks are on display to the public 8 – 31 October, 2016 at the Art Gallery of WA (AGWA), with the main prize, and artist choice being announced on 14 October, 2016. The Amana Living People's Choice Prize will be announced towards the close of the exhibition.

The 40 student finalist original artworks, along with artworks by high school students at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be showcased at Brookfield Place – 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth from 3 October, 2016 for three weeks.

A follow up printed exhibition will be on display at the Perth Cultural Centre from 18-31 October, 2016, also featuring artworks by residents at Amana Living produced in workshops held in August/September.

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EXHIBITION DETAILS

Main Exhibition

Dates: 8 - 31 October, 2016

Times: 10:00am - 5:00pm daily (except for Tuesdays which is closed)

Location: Art Gallery of WA, Perth Cultural Centre, WA.

Cost: Free to attend

An electronic display of the exhibitions will also be displayed at the new City of Perth library as well as the big screen at the Perth Cultural Centre, the cultural heart of the City.

Youth Exhibition

Dates: 3 - 21 October, 2016 (original artworks)

Times: 8:00am - 6:00pm weekdays only

Location: Tower 1, Brookfield Place, 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA

Cost: Free to attend

Original artworks will be on display at Brookfield Place, whilst a printed exhibition of youth artworks will be showcased at the Perth Cultural Centre from 18 - 31 October, 2016.

Salon des Refusés

Dates: 3 - 21 October, 2016

Times: 8:00am - 6:00pm weekdays only

Location: Tower 2, Brookfield Place, 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA

Cost: Free to attend

Touring Exhibition

Dates: 7 November – 7 December, 2016 (TBC)

Times: Open hospital hours

Location: St John of God Hospitals: Murdoch, Midland and Subiaco campuses.

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