



BLACK SWAN PRIZE
FOR PORTRAITURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR WA'S PREMIER PORTRAIT PRIZE

Submissions for both adult and youth artists have opened for the 2018 Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, WA's premier art prize. Now in its 12th year, the prize pool available to young, emerging and professional artists is over \$70,000, making it the third richest prize in Australia after the Archibald and Moran competitions.

More than 500 artists from across Australia are expected to enter in 2018 all vying for the \$50,000 first prize donated by the Lester Group, who has been sponsoring the main prize since the event started in 2007. 3,000 artists have entered the prestigious adult competition since its inception in 2007.

The other prizes are the \$10,000 Tony Fini Foundation Artist Prize chosen by the finalists themselves, the \$7,500 Baldock Family People's Choice Award and \$500 each for two highly commended artists from art supplier HU Kendall & Co.

The Youth Portraiture Prize for high school students across Australia continues to expand with over 200 student entries expected this year. Nearly 1,000 students have entered the Youth prize since 2008.

This year, the adult finalists' works will be open to the public once again at the Art Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA) from 27 October – 26 November 2018.

The youth finalists and the Salon des Refusés works will be on public display from 29 October - 23 November 2018 in Towers 1 and 2 of Brookfield Place.

Submissions close for the adult category on 20 July 2018, and the youth category a week later on 27 July 2018. Finalists for both competitions will be announced on 17 August 2018.

Winners will be announced in November 2018, at functions held at AGWA and Brookfield Place respectively.

John Langoulant, Board Chair of of Artrinsic Inc – the creators and organisers of the Prize – said that, “The Black Swan Prize is an important part of Australia's artistic landscape. We feel privileged to be able to provide opportunities to artists to exhibit their work and in so doing engage debate, help create vibrant public spaces, contribute to the State's economy, and connect and inspire the people who live and work here.”



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Artists from across Australia are invited to submit portraits of an Australian, or Australians, that they respect or admire, or a self-portrait. A full list of terms and conditions is available via www.blackswanprize.com.au.

The youth competition is open to students across Australia aged year 7 - 12.

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EXHIBITION DETAILS

Main Exhibition

Dates: 27 October – 26 November 2018

Times: 10:00am – 5:00pm daily (except for Tuesdays)

Location: Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth Cultural Centre

Cost: Free

Youth Exhibition

Dates: 29 October – 23 November 2018 (original artworks)

Times: 8:00am – 6:00pm weekdays only

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

Cost: Free

Original artworks will be on display at Brookfield Place, whilst a digitally printed exhibition of youth, community and hospital artworks will be showcased outside at the Perth Cultural Centre in November 2019.

****Salon des Refusés**

Dates: 29 October – 23 November 2018

Times: 8:00am – 6:00pm weekdays only

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

Cost: Free

**An exhibition of artworks that were not selected for the Main Award allowing the public to experience the full variety of works submitted.

Touring Exhibition

Dates: 3 December 2018 – 6 February 2019 (TBC)

Times: Hospital open hours

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