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Black Swan seeks portrait entries

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Last year's winner of the \$50,000 Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, Marcus Callum. Picture: John Koh.

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The Black Swan Prize for Portraiture has put the call out for artists across Australia to enter the award, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

Artists will be vying for the main \$50,000 Lester Group Prize, the \$7500 People's Choice Prize and two \$500 art gift vouchers from H.U. Kendall & Co.

In a step up for the award, run by founder Tina Wilson's ARTtrinsic Inc, the exhibition of finalists will be held at the Art Gallery of WA for the first time from October 8-31.

"We are delighted to be welcoming the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture to AGWA and celebrating its ten year anniversary," gallery director Stefano Carboni said. "Each year,

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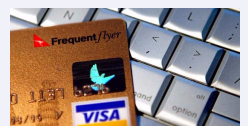
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the prize has grown in popularity and stature, and I look forward to viewing the entries for this year’s award.”

Wilson said the partnership with the gallery would enable the popular exhibition to be on display for a longer than usual period to attract a wider audience.

Another initiative will be a printed display of the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Youth Awards in the Perth Cultural Centre from October 15, with the original youth works and Salon des Refusés on show for three weeks at Brookfield Place, 125 St George’s Terrace from October 3.

The award has been held for the past four years at at Linton and Kay Galleries, where the 2015 winner was announced as Sydney painter Marcus Callum for his monochromatic Rorschach-style painting of fellow artist Abdul Abdullah titled Wrecking Ball.

Artists wishing to participate this year are invited to submit portraits of an Australian, or Australians that they respect or admire, or a self portrait. Entries close on July 22.

Black Swan Prize for Portraiture details, terms and conditions:
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