



Panel of three judges for 2017 Camberwell Art Show

Organisers of the Camberwell Art Show Awards have named three highly respected people from the art world to be this year's selection panel and judges for this prestigious event.

This year's highly acclaimed judges are Colin Johnson, Helen Grant and Dr Michael Mark.

The popularity of the awards continues to increase and committee member Warwick Heil says the judges will have a tough job making the final selection of some 1400 art work from the more than 2,000 entries expected from artists around Australia for the 2017 art show.

"As well as the prestige of competing, they will be vying for more than \$35,000 in prizemoney with the Best in Show award alone offering \$20,000," Mr Heil said.

The 52nd Camberwell Art Show will be held from July 7-16 at Melbourne's Swinburne University Advanced Technologies Centre in Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

Leading Melbourne law firm, Parke Lawyers, is gold sponsor for the show and managing director Jim Parke says the high standing of the judging panel within the arts world is testament to the prestige of the annual awards.

"I am confident the judges will be impressed by the high calibre of entries that have been chosen for the exhibition. Selecting the winners in each category will be a difficult task in such a prestigious show," he said.

Chief judge Colin Johnson is well known to artists and members of the public due to his distinguished career as an artist, teacher and judge.

For more than 40 years, he has judged numerous art shows throughout Australia, including Camberwell Art Show. He is a former Senior Lecturer in Painting, Drawing and Art Education at Deakin University and a former Guest Lecturer for the National Gallery of Victoria.

In 1978, Colin Johnson was invited to be a Visiting Scholar in the Art Department at London University Institute of Education. Since 1978, he has regularly taught the Advanced Landscape Painting Courses for the Field Studies Council of Great Britain at Flatford Mill Centre, home of noted landscape painter John Constable.



Chief Judge Colin Johnson



Judge Helen Grant



Judge Dr Michael Mark



The show's second judge is Helen Grant who hails from New South Wales and since 2006 has been dedicated to editing and producing the monthly editions of Australian Artist. She combines her magazine work with competition judging throughout New South Wales and Queensland.

While Helen Grant dabbles in painting, she has found her forte in close constructive criticism with an eye for unique and honed technique.

The Camberwell Art Show committee also welcomes Dr Michael Mark to the panel with his expertise in more contemporary forms of art. He was born in Brooklyn, New York and has degrees from art schools in Boston and Los Angeles, including a PhD from the Victorian College of the Arts.

Dr Mark is employed at the La Trobe College of Arts & Design and while teaching in the arts for the past 18 years in the US and Australia, he had held several one-person shows and participated in many group shows.

The judges consider all entries and choose paintings considered to be of a suitable standard for display and judging. In recent years there have been up to 1,500 entries selected to hang in the show.

Each of the three judges will also select a particular favourite for their \$1,000 special prize and distribute gold stars to the paintings they consider good value artworks.

Camberwell Art Show is the major event of Camberwell Rotary Club. In recent years, there have been 7,000 visitors annually to the show.

Jim Parke says, "The Camberwell Art Show is a centrepiece of art and culture not only for Melbourne but for all Australians, showcasing the depth of our artistic talent."

Other major art show sponsors are Bendigo Community Bank, Bayford Motors Group, Art Wines, Deans Art and Boroondara Arts Centre.

More information about the Camberwell Art Show is available at <http://camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au/>

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