



The Camberwell Art Show Selection Panel, which includes, from left, Chief Judge Colin Johnson, Glenda Davies, Denise Oppy, Brenda Innes and committee chairperson Mark Hassed.

Increase in entries for Camberwell Art Show

Entries in this year's Camberwell Art Show have grown 13% this year from last year's numbers received.

A total of 2,356 works have been received from artists across Australia, vying for selection in the highly anticipated art show which will be held from July 7-16 in Melbourne at Swinburne University's Advanced Technologies Centre.

The Camberwell Art Show selection panel has begun the rigorous task of selecting the best 1,300 works to be displayed at this prestigious art show after entries closed on Monday. The three judges – Chief Judge Colin Johnson, Helen Grant and Dr Michael Mark, will select the winners.

Gold sponsor for the 52nd Camberwell Art Show is Parke Lawyers, one of Melbourne's leading law firms. Parke Lawyers Managing Director Jim Parke says the 13% increase in entries this year is testament to the high regard the show holds among Australian artists vying for top honours.

"The importance of the awards cannot be underestimated. They sit just behind the Archibald Prize in regards to prestige for many artists.

“with \$35,000 in prizemoney up for grabs, artists are vying for recognition of their works. Parke Lawyers is pleased to present the first prize winner their \$20,000 winning cheque,” Mr Parke said.

The Acquisitive Awards include Best in Show with a \$20,000 prize, Best Traditional Work valued less than \$3,500 with a \$4,000 prize and Best Non-traditional Work valued less than \$3,500 with a \$4,000 prize.

Non-acquisitive Awards: Best Traditional Work valued less than \$1,500 with a \$1,000 prize; Best Non-traditional Work valued less than \$1,500 with a \$1,000 prize; Best Oil/Acrylic Work valued less than \$1,500 with a \$1,000 prize; and Best Work on Paper valued less than \$1,500 with a \$1,000 prize.

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

There is also a Viewer’s Choice award in which members of the public can vote for their preferred painting, with the opportunity to win a substantial prize for giving their feedback to the artists.

The winning paintings will be announced at the Gala Opening on Friday, July 7. Tickets for the opening night may be purchased from the art show website at www.camberwellartshow.org.au.

If you wish to preview some of the art displayed go to the Camberwell Art Show Facebook page and scroll down to view the daily selections of paintings.

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

Art Show committee member Brenda Innes says, “The Camberwell Art Show is a centrepiece of art and culture not only for the City of Boroondara but for all Victorians, 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 www.camberwellartshow.org.au.

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