

INVITATION ART PRIZE

Celebrating 25 years of award winning artworks

Monday 2 – Saturday 21 October 2023 Westfield Whitford City

Acknowledgement of Country

The Invitation Art Prize has been held on Whadjuk Noongar Boodjar for 25 years. The City of Joondalup pays its respects to the Traditional Owners who have looked after Country, and shared their knowledge, stories and art here for many thousands of years.

Mayor's Welcome

The Invitation Art Prize celebrates its silver jubilee this year. It shares this impressive milestone with the City of Joondalup, having launched in 1998 – our inaugural year. The Invitation Art Prize is a major acquisitive award for West Australian professional artists with winning artworks acquired into the City's contemporary art collection. In celebration of its 25-year milestone, the City is proud to present a never-before-seen retrospective edition, featuring the winning artwork from each year of the award.

The Invitation Art Prize has impacted the careers of over 700 exhibiting artists in its history and continues to support the agency of contemporary artists working across different practices, career stages and lived experiences. This year's retrospective exhibition recognises the wealth of homegrown artistic talent, including those that have since gained success interstate and overseas or continue to reside locally and champion WA's cultural sector. Celebrate with us as we proudly look back at the winning artworks, the evolution of this prestigious prize and of Western Australia's contemporary art scene.

Here's to 25 years!

Hon. Albert Jacob Mayor, City of Joondalup



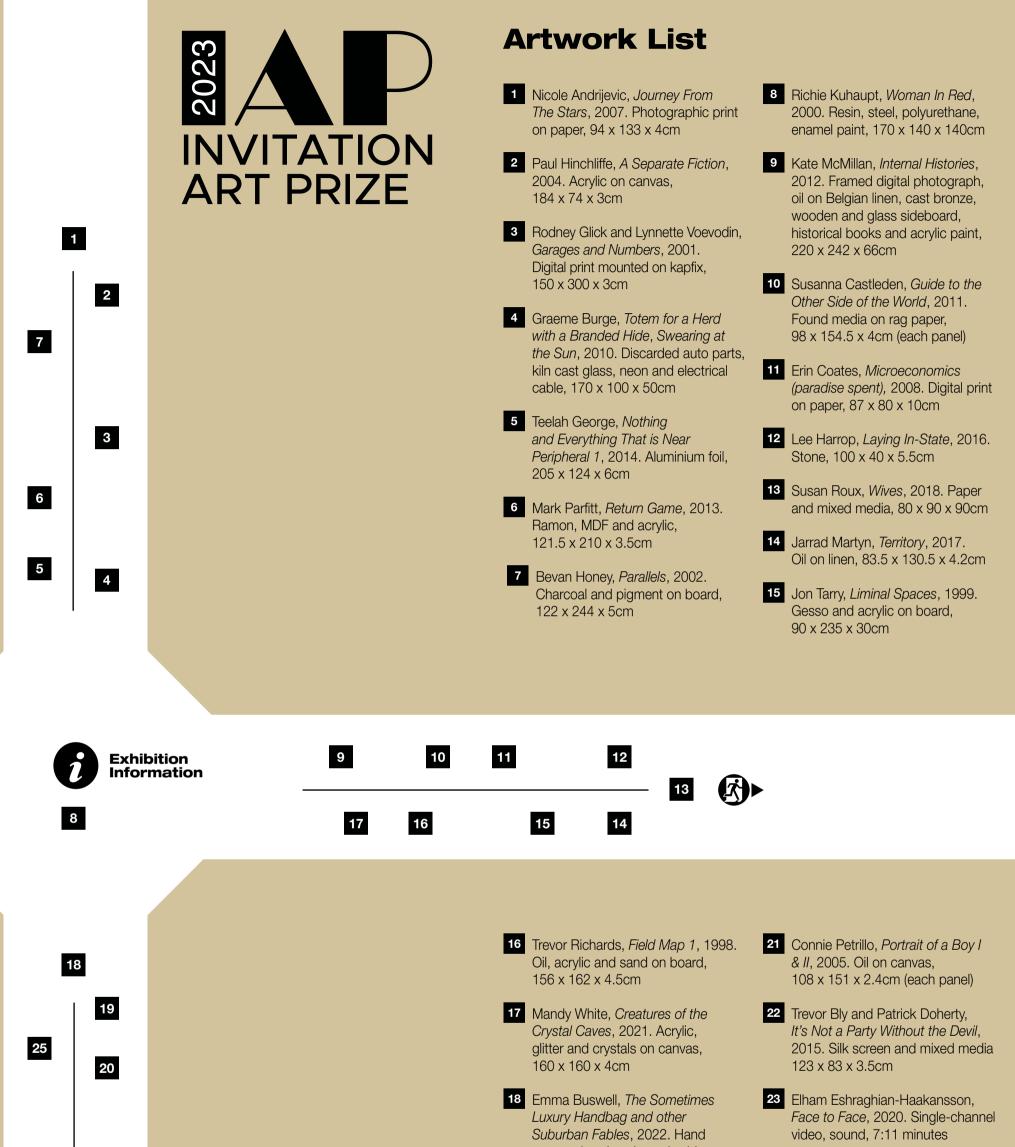
We'd love to hear what you think of this exhibition! Complete a short survey about your experience to go in the running for a \$50 Gift Card. **Scan the QR Code to get started.** Nicole Andrijevic • Trevor Bly & Patrick Doherty Graeme Burge • Emma Buswell • Susanna Castleden Erin Coates • Elham Eshraghian-Haakansson Teelah George • Rodney Glick & Lynnette Voevodin Lee Harrop • Paul Hinchcliffe • Bevan Honey Paul Kaptein • Richie Kuhaupt • Jarrad Martyn Kate McMillan • Mark Parfitt • Connie Petrillo Meeyakba Shane Pickett • Trevor Richards Susan Roux • Jon Tarry • Brendan Van Hek Mandy White • Gosia Wlodarczak

The 2023 Invitation Art Prize celebrates 25 years of award winning artworks, and gathers diverse artforms and evolving trends in West Australian arts practice to find connections across its 25 year history.

The winning artworks survey ideas of place, suburbia, local identity and Australian culture, along with approaches to mapping, interpreting landscape and embedding histories. The human form and language feature prominently throughout the exhibition, as does the shopping centre as a site of material and conceptual investigation.

The prize has witnessed changes in art-making and definitions of contemporary art. Early years featured painting and drawing practices with a focus on abstraction and minimalism. Diverse sculptural practices have utilised natural materials, fabrication supplies, re-purposed cars and even light. Conceptual practices have recorded events and games and its documentation now exists as an art object. The idea of the portrait has evolved over time in painted, sculpted and digital forms. Materiality and process have also inspired many artists with experiments in non-traditional materials such as aluminium foil, glitter and chicken fat.

The City of Joondalup is proud to celebrate this invaluable snapshot of contemporary art and the many achievements of the Invitation Art Prize, which stand to reflect the calibre, diversity and character of art-making in this region over the past 25 years.



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Restrooms Exit (X) Exhibition **(i)** Information

woven glass beads, embroidery, natural pigment and polymer on paper, dimensions variable

- 19 Meeyakba Shane Pickett, The Arriving of Muguroos Rain Clouds, 2006. Acrylic on canvas, 122 x 101 x 2.5cm
- 20 Paul Kaptein, *Mute Figure #10* (Sunset Selfies at The Great Attractor), 2019. Wood, graphite and ink, 80 x 41 x 28cm

- 24 Brendan Van Hek, Yellow Composition #1, 2009. Neon tube, steel and electrical components, 130 x 50 x 25cm
- 25 Gosia Wlodarczak, Night Continuous, 2003. Pigment, ink and acrylic on linen, 150 x 150 x 3cm

All artworks are part of the City of Joondalup Art Collection and not for sale.



The City wishes to thank all artists, staff, sponsors and those that have contributed to the history of the Invitation Art Prize.

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