



**NOW**

CONTEMPORARY  
ART PRIZE 2019

# NOW Contemporary Art Prize 2019 Terms and Conditions

For the purpose of these Terms and Conditions, the following definitions apply:

**Entrant** refers to anyone who has submitted a complete entry form, including payment.

**Successful entrant/Finalist** refers to an entrant whose work is selected for display in the exhibition at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.

**Prize winner** refers to an entrant selected as first prize winner or highly commended.

**SRG** denotes Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.

**NOW** denotes the NOW Contemporary Art Prize.

**The Gallery** refers to Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, 12 Berry Street, Nowra.

## 1. Entrants

- i. The entrant must be a permanent resident of Australia.
- ii. The entrant must be 16 years or over as of the 1st July 2019.
- iii. Employees of Shoalhaven City Council whose duties are primarily conducted at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

## 2. Entry fee

- i. An entry fee is charged to cover administration costs:
  - \$40 (including GST) for each entry.
  - \$30 (including GST) for each entry by a Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Member
- ii. The entry fee is non-refundable.
- iii. Payment can be made via the online entry form.

## 3. The Artwork

- i. A maximum of two artworks per entrant may be submitted.
- ii. All entries must be the original work of the entrant.
- iii. The artwork(s) must have been completed after the 1st July 2018
- iv. The artwork(s) must not have been exhibited previously.
- v. The artwork(s) must respond to the exhibition theme “pushes boundaries, responds to our world, is dynamic and personal”
- vi. The artwork(s) must be within the overall size and weight limits detailed in Clause 5.

## 4. Artist’s statement

- i. An artist’s statement of no more than 150 words must be submitted via the online entry form.
- ii. The statement will be read by the judges during the selection process and should clearly explain how the artwork responds to the exhibition theme.
- iii. Should the artwork be selected for exhibition, the artist’s statement may be used in the exhibition catalogue, and may also be used for promotional and marketing purposes. Minor edits to artist’s statements may occur, and, where time constraints allow, SRG will endeavour to seek the artist’s approval on final text.

## 5. Size and media guidelines

- i. The prize is open to artworks in any style or medium, with the exception of materials that are dangerous, sharp, wet or perishable.
- ii. Final display dimensions (including all parts) of two-dimensional artworks must not exceed 200cm in any direction (including frame).
- iii. Final display dimensions (including all parts) of three-dimensional artworks must not exceed 150cm x 200cm x 100cm, or weigh more than 80kg.

- iv. New-media works must be playable on Quicktime, Vimeo or VLC media players on both PC and Mac computers. Limitations for digital hardware apply, and must be discussed with SRG staff at the outset.
- v. All selected artworks must arrive ready for display:
  - Two-dimensional works must have secure display and hanging devices (e.g. framed, D rings etc.).
  - Three-dimensional works must be able to stand alone.
  - New-media works must be supplied on appropriate hardware, electronically or on a storage device (USB, CD or DVD), in consultation with SRG staff.
- vi. The artist's name, address and phone number, title of work, price or Not For Sale (NFS) must be clearly marked on the back of each work.
- vii. Any instructions for handling and packing must be supplied in writing and be attached to the artwork.
- viii. No wet paintings will be accepted

## **6. Insurance**

- i. Shoalhaven City Council does not insure artworks hanging in the NOW Contemporary Art Prize.
- ii. Shoalhaven City Council are not responsible for the loss of damage to any work while in its custody or in transit to or from the Gallery.
- iii. SRG staff will exercise all reasonable care of works submitted.

## **7. Judging panel and management of NOW**

- i. A panel of judges will select the finalists and prize winners. The panel will consist of representatives from the arts, including a SRG employee and a member of the Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Society.
- ii. The decision of the judging panel is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- iii. The exhibition and competition will be managed under the direction of SRG staff.
- iv. SRG staff have the right to refuse to display any entry due to its nature (e.g. bulk, weight, fragility), or its inability to be exhibited safely.

## **8. Selection process**

- i. All entries for the NOW will be assessed on the basis of the application submitted and the accompanying images or audio/video files. Selection will be based on:
  - Degree of artistic merit and professionalism
  - Originality
  - Level of recognition of, and direct response to, the exhibition theme.
- ii. Entrants whose works are selected for display (Finalists) will be notified by September 9th, 2019.
- iii. All entrants will be formally notified of the selection of Finalists either by email and through announcement on the NOW Contemporary website.

## **9. Prizes**

- i. 1st prize: \$10,000 (non-acquisitive)
- ii. Highly Commended: \$1,000
- iii. Jervis Bay and Basin Members prize: \$1,000
- iv. Curator's Choice Award: Solo exhibition at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, including opening event. See Clause 14 for details.
- v. People's Choice Award: \$500. To be announced at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery on the 19th November, 2019

## **10. Delivery and collection of artworks**

- i. Artists accept full responsibility for arranging transportation for the delivery and collection of their artworks, and agree to bear all costs involved.
- ii. Transit insurance is the full responsibility of the entrant. SRG staff will not be responsible for, or liable for, any loss or damage to artworks during transit.

- iii. Finalists must deliver their artworks to the Gallery on the 27th September 2019 between 10am and 4pm.
- iv. Final digital files must be delivered with hardware, electronically or on a storage device (USB, CD or DVD) by the final delivery date for all artworks.
- v. Artworks delivered after Monday 30th September 2019 will not be accepted.
- vi. Each artwork must be clearly labelled with its title and the Finalist's name and contact details.
- vii. No artworks will be released before the close of the exhibition on Saturday 23 November 2019.
- viii. After the close of the exhibition, artists must pick up their exhibited artworks during business hours between the 25th November 2019 and the 28th November 2019
- ix. Collection of Artworks by Courier must take place on the 26th November 2019, between the hours of 9am – 3pm. Artists must organise the courier and inform SRG of the details, included the name of the courier company and the approximate time of collection on the 26th November.
- x. Artworks not collected by 30th January 2020 will be disposed of at the discretion of SRG. SRG will incur no liability in respect of the disposal of any artwork(s).

#### **11. Reproduction, media and publicity**

- i. Finalists consent to their artwork(s) being photographed and reproduced for documentation and promotion for no charge. Images and reproductions can be used at any time and inclusive of all electronic or print media, for all non-commercial purposes in association with the NOW and SRG for this and future competitions and exhibitions.
- ii. SRG will endeavour to acknowledge the artist and credit images of the artworks when appropriate.
- iii. Prize winners and finalists agree to make themselves available for the purposes of promotion and publicity at times and dates and in places reasonably requested by SRG, for example:
  - Finalists agree to make every effort to attend the opening event on Saturday 5th October.
  - Finalists are prepared to be involved in a program or workshop at the gallery.

#### **12. Sale of artworks**

- i. Artworks may be sold during the exhibition
- ii. Shoalhaven Regional Gallery will apply a commission of 25% to the sale price
- iii. The Artist is responsible for ensuring all tax responsibilities are met in relation to the sale of artworks and the application of GST to the sale price.
- iv. Works with multiple elements will be sold as a single work only. Multiple sales will not be allowed.
- v. Artists affiliated with a specific commercial gallery should contact their Gallery Director regarding 'split commission' arrangements. Split commission is by prior arrangement only.

#### **13. Privacy**

- i. The personal details requested on the entry form will be used for the purpose of processing your application, keeping records, and establishing your identity in accordance with Shoalhaven City Council's Privacy Management Plan. Access to the information is restricted to Council Officers and other authorised people.

#### **14. Solo exhibition at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery award**

- i. A solo exhibition at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra, in 2021 will be offered to the Finalist who receives the Curator's Choice Award
- ii. The exhibition period, duration and conditions will be confirmed upon discussions between the award winner and Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.

- iii. The award will consist of an exhibition in one of the community galleries for either a 4-week period or an 8-week period, with the total value being up to \$1300.
- iv. Shoalhaven Regional Gallery will cover the exhibition costs and contribute towards the opening event.
- v. The artist will be responsible for any advertising beyond the standard collateral produced by Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.

**15. Interpretation of the Rules**

- i. In the event of a dispute regarding the interpretation of conditions, the decision of Shoalhaven Regional Gallery shall be binding on all parties.