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Entries now open for the Inner North Art Prize

A new community initiative to support Canberra artists

Canberra artists who live, work or study in the inner north are invited to submit artworks to the inaugural **Inner North Art Prize**. The prize will be judged by prominent local arts identities including **Emeritus Professor David Williams AM**, former Director of the ANU School of Art. Selected works will be exhibited at **The Front Café and Gallery in Lyneham, ACT** from 20th-30th October, and the winners will be announced and presented with their awards at the opening of the exhibition.

The prize pool includes a **\$2,000 cash first prize** that is crowd-sourced from Canberra's art-loving residents, an art supplies voucher for \$400 for the **Eckersley's Student Award**, and a \$400 framing services voucher for the **People's Choice Award sponsored by City Framing Gallery**.

The idea originated over a few wines at Tilley's, when a group of passionate residents agreed that they wanted a way to **show support and respect for artists in the local area**.

"All great artists have neighbours - who's to say there isn't one down the road from you right now?" says team member **Tara Gutman**. "The idea is to give art-lovers the opportunity to do something really local and connect with art-makers in their own community."

Canberrans are invited to The Front for the opening of the exhibition and presentation of awards on **Thursday 20th October from 6.30pm**. The Front Café and Gallery has long held exhibitions of local and interstate artists but this is the first suburban art prize show it has supported. Owner **Paul Jamieson** hopes it will become an annual event. "The Front is happy to host the Inner North Art Prize to promote the local art scene. It's a new way for us to support arts and artists in the community."

The theme for this year is "**CROSSING BOUNDARIES**". The prize accepts works in all media excluding performance or audio-visual material. Entries close 30th September at 7pm.

Submissions to the prize can be made via our website: www.innernorthartprize.com – which also includes details on how to donate to the prize.

For press enquiries and to organise an interview with the Inner North Art Prize team, please call **Tara Gutman** on 0419 099 152 or email team@innernorthartprize.com

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