



HAZELHURST GALLERY RECEIVES RECORD NUMBER OF ARTISTS FOR \$26,000 ART ON PAPER AWARD

The Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award 2017, now in its ninth biennial year, has received works from 850 artists throughout Australia making it a record year for the number of artists vying for the prizes since it began in 2001.

In 2015, 760 artists entered for this coveted national art prize which showcases outstanding art created with, on, or about paper.

“The Hazelhurst Art on Paper award is hugely popular and people love to see the variety of works created whether they be drawings, three dimensional works, video works, paper animation or photography said Director of Hazelhurst Gallery, Belinda Hanrahan.

“The Art on Paper Award aims to promote excellence and innovation in the field of art on paper,” said Sutherland Shire Mayor and Hazelhurst Gallery Board member, Carmelo Pesce.

“This year a very high standard of work has been received from some of Australia’s most significant artists. I’m delighted to see a strong contingent of 15 local artists in this art prize,” he said.

There are three prizes including the Major Award of \$15,000 and Young & Emerging Artist’s Award of \$5,000 which are both sponsored by Tradies, the Friends of Hazelhurst Local Artist Prize of \$5,000 and the People’s Choice Award of \$1,000.

The selection panel for the 2017 Hazelhurst Art Award, consisted of Carrie Kibbler, Hazelhurst’s Curator, Grahame Kime, Hazelhurst’s Art Centre Manager, Louisa Chircop, winner of the 2015 Art on Paper Local Artist Award and Rochelle Haley, artist and lecturer at UNSW Art & Design. The judge for this year’s prize is Lindy Lee.

The number of finalists for 2017 is 76 and includes some of Australia’s most important artists, as well as emerging artists, local artists and Indigenous artists.

The Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award 2017 exhibition opens on Saturday 20 May.

Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre is a facility of Sutherland Shire Council.

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Captions: Abdul Abdullah, *The Wedding (Conspiracy to Commit) 2015*, digital print and Sherna Teperson, *Composition for two parts*, acrylic on paper.

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