

BENDIGO ART GALLERY

Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize 2017

17 June – 17 September 2017

Bendigo Art Gallery announces the finalists for the 2017 Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize.

Held every two years at Bendigo Art Gallery, the Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize is designed to attract some of Australia's finest contemporary artists, awarding a generous acquisitive cash prize of \$50,000.

The 2017 finalists are Matt Arbuckle, Steven Asquith, Andrew Browne, Kirsty Budge, Robyn Burgess, Deidre But-Husaim, Mitch Cairns, Jon Campbell, Sadie Chandler, Marcel Cousins, Jesse Dayan, Prudence Flint, Martin George, Helga Groves, Stephen Hayley, Pei Pei He, Euan Heng, Rachael Hooper, Kez Hughes, Jennifer Joseph, Guundie Kuchling, Michael Lindeman, Christian Lock, Dane Lovett, Fiona Lowry, Margaret Loy Pula, Karla Marchesi, Robert Owen, Louise Paramor, Anthony Pelchen, Bundit Puangthong, Jordan Richardson, Kate Shaw, Robyn Sweaney, Kate Tucker, David Wadelton and Stephanie Wilson.

This prestigious prize is accompanied by an exhibition featuring the work of shortlisted artists, and is widely considered an indication of the very latest trends, developments and themes in contemporary Australian painting. Previous winners include Stieg Persson (2003), Dale Frank (2005), Stephen Bush (2007), Jan Nelson (2009), Tim Johnson (2011), Chris Bond (2012) and Guan Wei (2015).

This year, judges are Mark Feary, Artistic Director Gertrude Street Gallery, Dr David Hansen, Associate Professor, Centre for Art History and Art Theory, ANU School of Art and Design, Hannah Matthews, Senior Curator, Monash University Museum of Art and representatives from Bendigo Art Gallery and the Guy family.

The Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize is now in its 14th year, and was established by Mr Allen Guy C.B.E. (1017-2007) to honour his brother Arthur Guy (1914-1945) whose life was tragically cut short whilst in service in New Guinea.

Arthur Guy was born in Melbourne on 24 November 1914, the first son for Arthur and Catherine Guy. He was the only and elder sibling of Allen Rupert Guy. Arthur was educated at Camp Hill State School in Bendigo and then at Ballarat Grammar School. He enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in a signals unit and served in New Guinea. On 14 February 1945, aged 30, he was on a biscuit bomber mission when his plane was shot down near Lae. He is buried in the Lae War Memorial Cemetery.

Shortlisted artists works will go on display at Bendigo Art Gallery from 17 June – 17 September. The 2017 Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prize winner will be announced at the exhibition opening on 16 June, 2017.

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