

Top emerging artists showcased at 2018 SACE Art Show

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A five-week celebration of South Australia's young and emerging artists and designers is underway following the opening night of the 2018 SACE Art Show.

The exhibition at Light Square Gallery features paintings and drawings, sculptures, jewellery, costumes and multimedia works created by 135 Year 12 students in the Visual Arts – Art and Design – Design subjects in 2017.

The opening of the 36th art show last night saw nine SACE graduates receive awards across six categories.

Morgan Russell received the Flinders University Visual Arts Award for her piece 'Turn on the Light', which was inspired by her late grandfather's battle with dementia.

Other award winners were:

- Poster Award, sponsored by the Minister for Youth: **Ava Viscariello** – 'It Suits.'
- Regional Encouragement Award, sponsored by the Minister for Youth: **Lhord Manguera**, 'South of the Void', and **Charlotte Campion** 'Element Design'.
- UniSA Enterprising Artist Award: **Chloe Everett** 'Drag: The Living Testimony'
- Eckersley's Encouragement Award: **Edward Ting** 'Untitled', **Shae McDonald** 'Sense of Loss', and **Elise Clements** 'Uncovered'.
- Peace Foundation SACE Art Show Award: **Lily Drummond** 'The Heart of the Ocean'.

SACE Board of SA Chief Executive Professor Martin Westwell congratulated the award winners and all the exhibiting students.

"Every student exhibiting at the 2018 SACE Art Show has demonstrated why the SACE is a valuable qualification.

"Through the SACE, these students have developed and applied critical and creative thinking to create an amazing array of art work that is now on display at the SACE Art Show."

The public have the chance to vote for their favourite art work in the Credit Union SA Community Award. The award is presented at the end of the exhibition to the artist with the most votes, who will receive \$500, with the runner-up receiving \$250.

Credit Union SA CEO Mr Grant Strawbridge said the Credit Union was very proud to again support this event.

"Our ongoing collaboration with the SACE Art Show helps young South Australian artists connect their artworks with the wider South Australian community." Mr Strawbridge said.

"The amount of effort and skill demonstrated by the artists, complemented by the support and guidance of their teachers is immense and clearly visible in the outstanding quality of pieces on display.

"This exposure encourages our young people to build a brighter future in the arts in South Australia, and we congratulate every exhibitor for their incredible efforts and talent."

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Dr Andrew Welch, Program Director of the Bachelor of Contemporary Art at the University of South Australia, said: "The University of South Australia is proud to be able to support the SACE Art Show with the UniSA Enterprising Artist Award.

"This award recognises the efforts that all the students, with the direction and encouragement provided by their teachers, have put into developing their creative talents in order to reach this high level of achievement.

"Chloe Everett has already demonstrated a passion and drive to succeed in the creative industries and we hope we can be part of the further development of her career."

The exhibition is open to the public until Tuesday 24 April. For more information go to the SACE Board [website](#).