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SIGNS OF A RENAISSANCE, AS SACE ART SHOW TURNS 30

The 30th annual SACE Art Show will open on Monday 26 March, amidst increasing interest in arts subjects from South Australian students.

In 2011, there were 6,008 results in SACE Stage 2 art subjects – an 8% increase compared to 2010 and the highest number of results in 4 years.

The SACE Art Show features visual art and design works from 124 students who completed a Visual Arts subject in their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) in 2011.

An opening night event for exhibiting students and their parents will be held this Friday 23 March from 6pm.

Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia, Nick Mitzevich, a guest speaker at the opening night, said career opportunities were expanding for young people who studied art.

“The study of art can teach students to think creatively, and that has application in a range of career areas, including the design of products and the application of new technologies.

“More students are choosing to study art with the real expectation and prospect that the careers they enter will have a strong foundation in these creativity skills,” said Mr Mitzevich.

Acting Chief Executive of the SACE Board, Dr Antonio Mercurio, said the show provided a showcase for senior secondary student art.

“The SACE Art Show highlights the outstanding artistic skills of young people from across the state, and provides them with the opportunity to exhibit to a wide audience.

“These young artists have expressed their creative talents in unique and extraordinary ways through the SACE, providing inspiration for future students” said Dr Mercurio.

The SACE Art Show will be open to the public from Monday 26 March to Wednesday 2 May – more than 5,000 visitors are expected to attend over the course of the exhibition.

The venue for the show is Light Square Gallery, Adelaide College of the Arts, TAFE SA, 39 Light Square.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm (closed public holidays), and on Saturday 31 March and Saturday 28 April from 12 noon to 4pm.

The SACE Art Show 2012 is presented by the SACE Board of South Australia with the support of students and teachers across the three school sectors.