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State's top young artists put their talent on display at SACE Art Show

The creative flair and talent of young artists from across South Australia will be on display at the SACE Art Show 2015 from this Saturday 21 March.

About 150 works will be exhibited at the Adelaide College of the Arts' Light Square Gallery including traditional paintings and drawings, sculptures, jewellery, costumes, and multimedia works.

The six-week event, which ends 29 April, showcases selected art and design work created by Year 12 students who have completed their Visual Arts – Art, and Visual Arts – Design subjects.

SACE Board Chief Executive, Dr Neil McGoran, said the show – which attracts about 5000 visitors each year – was designed to inspire and encourage current and future SACE art and design students.

“The event also increases awareness about how SACE art and design subjects can be used as stepping stones to higher education and career pathways, and demonstrates the quality and rigour of the SACE qualification,” Dr McGoran said.

“Launched in 1982, the SACE Art Show has displayed works from senior secondary students who have gone on to become leaders in the arts in South Australia and around the world.

“Judging by the quality of this year's works, our current exhibitors have bright and exciting futures ahead of them,” he said.

This year, the SACE Art Show will feature two new awards, the:

- *Community Award*, sponsored by Credit Union SA, will enable visitors to vote for their favorite artwork. The artist behind the winning work will take away \$500 in prize money with the runner-up receiving \$250. In addition, everyone who votes will be in the running for a prize valued at \$500.
- *UniSA Enterprising Artist Award* for the student who adopts an innovative and leading-edge approach to art and design and demonstrates community-mindedness. The winning student will receive \$500 prize money.

The Minister for Youth, Eckersley's Art and Craft, and Graphic Art Supplies will continue to support the Show this year with awards and prizes.

Credit Union SA CEO, Mr Grant Strawbridge, said: “The artwork produced by these regional students should be regarded as among the best in Australia, and the guidance and mentoring from their teachers in helping them to realise this amazing talent must also be recognised.

“Credit Union SA is proud to support these young and emerging artists, and help them to showcase their art to the broader community through our sponsorship - and I encourage every South Australian to make the time to visit this event,” he said.

Program Director of the Bachelor of Visual Arts at the University of South Australia, Dr Andrew Welch, said: “It’s great to be involved in selecting the inaugural *UniSA Enterprising Artist Award* recognising outstanding performance in visual arts.

“I am very proud that UniSA is sponsoring the SACE Art Show - these students will be our next generation of artists, curators and art educators and participation in the SACE Art Show is critical in recognising their talents as emerging artists,” he said.

“The exhibition gives them exposure and confidence to pursue a career in visual art and we hope among these talented young people to discover the next Barbara Harahan or Jeffery Smart.”

For further information, visit: <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/news/events/sace-art-show>