

## Hon Susan Close MP

Minister for Education and Child Development

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### **Top SA talent on display at SACE Art Show**

The SACE Art Show 2017 is set to impress with 148 art and design works on display at the Adelaide College of the Arts from 18 March.

The six-week exhibition showcases the creative flair and talent of Year 12 students in the Visual Arts – Art and Visual Arts – Design subjects, with representation from schools across South Australia, and images of artworks from the Northern Territory.

This year's art and design demonstrates the inventiveness and imagination of students through traditional paintings and drawings, jewellery, costumes, and innovative multimedia.

### **Background**

The Art Show, established in 1928, was designed to inspire and challenge students and attracts about 5000 visitors each year. The SACE Art features the following awards:

- Poster Award – Sponsored by the Hon. Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Youth
- Regional Encouragement Awards (Male and Female) – Sponsored by the Hon. Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Youth
- 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 in prize money.
- Flinders University Visual Arts Award
- Eckersley's Encouragement Awards – Art (x 3)

The Credit Union SA Community Award is presented to the artist who receives the most votes and will receive \$500, with the runner-up receiving \$250. In addition, everyone who votes will be in the running for a prize valued at \$500.

### **Quotes attributable to Education and Child Development Minister Susan Close**

The SACE Art Show features work by some of the finest young emerging artists in the State.

It gives Year 12 graduates exposure and confidence to pursue a career in visual art. Some of our past exhibitors have gone on to become leaders in the arts in South Australia and around the world.

### **Quotes attributable to Credit Union SA CEO, Mr Grant Strawbridge**

The Credit Union is proud to support this event. Our continued sponsorship of the SACE Art Show assists South Australia's young artists in showcasing their artworks to the wider South Australian community – beyond their supportive school communities, teachers, mentors, family and friends.

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.

### **Quotes attributable to Program Director of the Bachelor of Visual Arts at the University of South Australia, Dr Andrew Welch**

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.

The young artist who wins this award will have already demonstrated a passion and drive to succeed in the creative industries and we hope we can be part of the further development of their career.

For further information, visit SACE Art Show on the SACE website.