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Exhibition of Finalists

27 January to 24 February 2024

The Grace Cossington Smith Gallery and Abbotsleigh present the 42 finalists for the Grace Cossington Smith biennial art award for any two dimensional media.

The theme of this art award is 'Making Connections', a theme inspired by the work of Abbotsleigh Old Girl and artist Grace Cossington Smith who made connections with her changing world through her drawing and painting.

This theme encapsulates the essence of art and the human experience. Each artist featured in this exhibition possesses a distinctive way of seeing the world, selecting thought-provoking aspects of their experiences to share and inviting us to connect with their unique visions.

In October 2023 the Grace Cossington Smith Gallery celebrated ten years of championing the work of artists locally and nationally, and providing learning experiences that foster historical and cultural awareness. We recognise that the art award plays a vital role in creating and connecting the Gallery to vibrant communities.

The Grace Cossington Smith art award, launched in 2014, invites submissions from Australian artists, aged over 18.

The prizes are:

\$15,000 acquisitive, awarded to the winner

\$2,500 awarded to an early career artist

\$2,500 awarded to a local artist from Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai area

The award recipients will be announced on the opening event Friday 9 February 2024

The Judges:

The finalists and award winners are selected by guest judges:

Felicity Fenner, Chair, City of Sydney Public Art Advisory Panel and Associate Professor, Curating & Cultural Leadership, Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture, UNSW Sydney and Dr Blair French is a curator, writer and arts leader.

Luke Abdallah and Oliver Fontany	NSW	Deanne Gilson	VIC
Caitlin Aloisio Shearer	VIC	Tim Gregory	NSW
Sally Anderson	NSW	Graziela Guardino	NSW
Clementine Barnes	NSW	Tannya Harricks	NSW
Alexander Beech	TAS	Danyi Hu	NSW
Amber Boardman	NSW	Emily Imeson	NSW
Anna Carey	QLD	Eunjoo Jang	NSW
David Collins	NSW	Virginia Keft	NSW
Richard Collins	VIC	Nicole Kelly	NSW
Nancy Constandelia	NSW	Nadia Kliendanze	VIC
Carolyn Craig	NSW	Deborah Marks	NSW
Angie de Latour	NSW	Nicola Mason	NSW
Kate Dorrough	NSW	Juanita McLauchlan	NSW
Jacqueline Drinkall	NSW	Lily Platts	NSW
Kylie Elkington	TAS	Marisa Purcell	NSW
Zachariah Fenn	NSW	Justine Roche	NSW
Angus Fisher	NSW	Sally Ryan	NSW
Louise Fowler-Smith	NSW	Wendy Sharpe	NSW
Ariella Friend	NSW	Skye Wagner	NSW
Emily Galicek	NSW	Stuart Watters	NSW
Shahroud Ghahani	NSW	Hua Ye	NSW