

MEDIA RELEASE

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THE DIVERSE ARTISTIC talents of young people are celebrated by Murray Bridge Regional Gallery's annual Youth Art Prize.

Gallery Director Fulvia Mantelli says: "The Youth Art Prize is a platform for young people to express their views about collective and personal experiences, and aims to empower them to pursue their creative aspirations".

Since its humble beginnings co-initiated by The Station over fourteen years ago, the total prize pool is now valued at over \$4,500!

Entries across four different age categories have come from Adelaide College of the Arts, Coomandook Area School, Cornerstone College, Eastern Fleurieu Secondary, Encounter Lutheran College, Heathfield High School, Home-schools, Mannum Community College, Mt Barker Waldorf School, Murray Bridge High School, Unity College, University of SA, Walford Anglican Girls School, and many other individuals.

The 2022 prize judge Bernadette Klavins, is an artist, arts worker and writer, as well as Teen Programs Officer at Art Gallery of South Australia, where she works with Neo, AGSA's flagship program for teens. Karen Eckermann and Ruby Eckermann, Co-founders and Patrons of Murraylands Animal Welfare Watch will judge the prize for the Best Compassionate Depiction of an Animal.

"Pop into the Gallery for a visit, check out the amazing talent on display and cast your vote for the People's Choice Awards," said Ms Mantelli.

"Voting is only available onsite so swing by and support your favourite young artists today."

Winners will be announced at the free Closing Celebration on Sunday 13 November, 2-4pm. Bookings are essential: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-art-prize-2022-prize-announcements-closing-event-tickets-428970230507 or call the Gallery on 08 8539 1420.

Youth Art Prize is proudly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of <u>Murray Bridge</u> and <u>Mobilong since 2012</u>, as well as <u>Wakefield Press</u>, Art to Art and <u>Murraylands Animal Welfare Watch</u>.

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