



TASMANIAN ART AWARD 2012 INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE EVENT

The \$6,000 Tasmanian Art Award is an art competition and exhibition held each year at Eskleigh Home near Perth, Tasmania with all works offered for sale to the public.

The Exhibition will be held between Saturday 21 and Sunday 29 April 2012, with a Preview Evening on Friday 20 April to open the exhibition and announce the Award winners.

The \$6,000 Tasmanian Art Award at Eskleigh is designed to promote Eskleigh by raising public interest and appreciation of Eskleigh's work in the community. The Tasmanian Art Award is also intended to facilitate the public's exposure to the artists' work and to reward artists' efforts with cash prizes and awards for excellence.

The Tasmanian Art Award is a significant event in the Tasmanian Arts Calendar and attracts artists with established reputations as well as new exhibitors. Last year 200 entries were exhibited. All artwork is for sale and may be viewed during the nine public exhibition days.

WHAT IS ESKLEIGH

Eskleigh is a not for profit incorporated body established in 1947 and has operated on a continuous basis since that time. Eskleigh is governed by a Board of Directors drawn from leaders in the Tasmanian Community.

Eskleigh provides high quality support to people with disabilities, their families and carers within Tasmania.

Eskleigh Home in Perth Tasmania is a 42 bed home combining contemporary support with the historical charm of the former 'Scone' homestead to which it is attached. Located on 23 acres, boasting beautiful gardens and surrounding farmland, Eskleigh Home is a tranquil and peaceful home for people with a range of disabilities, enabling them to lead a meaningful, active and fulfilling way of life.

Eskleigh offer supported accommodation in 4-6 bedroom residential homes (group homes). Group homes offer residents (and their families) qualified disability support workers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing them the opportunity to develop and maintain independent living while working in partnership with the community and families.

Eskleigh in home care (attendant care) offers support to people with disabilities (and their families) enabling them to continue living in their own home. Qualified attendant carers offer quality person centred support tailored to meet the needs of individuals and families. The attendant care program also offers temporary in home respite to people with disabilities, in partnership with the Commonwealth Carer and Respite Service.

JUDGES

The judging panel in 2012 will be Dr Ken Smith art lecturer from Monash University, Mr Malcom Bywaters, Director of Academy Gallery, Academy of the Arts, Utas and Mr Michael McWilliams practicing artist.

THE AWARDS

The following awards will be offered to exhibitors in 2012

\$6,000 TASMANIAN ART AWARD

A \$6,000 cash prize will be awarded to the most outstanding entry. The winning entry becomes the property of Eskleigh and will be added to the Eskleigh Collection, and displayed in the public areas of the homestead.

\$1,500 PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN WATERCOLOUR

A \$1,500 cash prize will be awarded for Excellence in Watercolour.

\$1,500 SCULPTURE PRIZE

A \$1,500 cash prize will be presented to an artist selected by the Judges for particular mention and commendation.

\$1,500 JUDGES' COMMENDATION PRIZE

Two \$1,500 cash prizes will be presented to artists selected by the Judges for particular mention and commendation.

\$500 PEOPLE'S PRIZE

A \$500 cash prize will be awarded for the most popular entry judged by the public who view the exhibition and submit a vote.

SPONSORS

Eskleigh relies on sponsorship from the Tasmanian business community for prize money and the donation of services to the event. We thank the following businesses for their ongoing support and assistance.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT

A Preview Evening and the presentation of awards, by His Excellency, Mr Peter Underwood, Governor of Tasmania, will be held April 20, 2012. Those attending the preview evening may tender for the works on exhibition.

The public may purchase or view the work of these leading artists during the public exhibition days Saturday 21 April to Sunday 29 April 2012, open daily 10.00am – 3.30pm.

Admission \$5, Children free.

Consistent public attendances of around 1,500 people view the exhibition each year.

WHO BENEFITS

1. The residents of Eskleigh Home, from the commission on sales.
2. The artists as their works are given public exposure, the opportunity to win cash prizes and sell their works.

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