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Entries open for \$100,000 Hadley's Art Prize 2023

Artists can start the new year with a lucrative incentive to create a landscape artwork as entries for the highly-coveted \$100,000 Hadley's Art Prize open today.

Presented by Hadley's Orient Hotel, the Prize is to be awarded to the artwork the judges deem to be the best portrayal of the Australian landscape.

This year's judging panel includes three leading Australian artists – printmaker Milan Milojevic, painter Wendy Sharpe, and Fiona Foley who pursues a diverse artistic practice encompassing painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, mixed-media work, found objects and installation.

"This is the first time we've had three practicing artists on the judging panel," explains Prize Curator Dr Amy Jackett. "They will bring a deep appreciation of the time and effort that goes into preparing an artwork to enter. They will also bring different views of landscape and place, and expertise with different art mediums."

Judge Wendy Sharpe is one of Australia's most awarded artists. "She has won the Archibald Prize, Sir John Sulman Prize, and the Portia Geach Memorial Award (twice), among many more," notes Dr Jackett, "so she knows how meaningful it is to win a significant prize and what a great boost it can be to an artist's career."

Sharpe says, "Art prizes are one of the ways an artist can get their work known. It is also a great way to see your work in relation to other artists. "

In addition to the major prize presented by Hadley's Orient Hotel, there is also a desirable one-month studio residency prize to be awarded, honourable mentions, a Packing Room Prize and a People's Choice Award.

Australian artists of all backgrounds and all career stages can enter the Prize. The Hadley's Art Prize reignites art at Hadley's Orient Hotel, which has a long history of supporting the arts, and builds towards an art collection that is open to the public at Hadley's in Hobart's CBD.

Each year, the finalists' exhibition includes an engaging program of public events, prizes for school students, and an Education Kit endorsed by Art Education Australia.

Entries for this year's Hadley's Art Prize close on 31 March 2023, with the winner announced on 21 July at Hadley's Orient Hotel. The exhibition of finalists will be held at Hadley's Orient Hotel, 34 Murray Street Hobart, from 22 July – 20 August 2023.

More information can be found on the Prize website at www.hadleysartprize.com.au.

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