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

Entries have just opened for the highly-coveted \$100,000 Hadley's Art Prize, a lucrative landscape art prize presented by Hadley's Orient Hotel in Hobart.

Awarded to the artwork the judges deem to be the best portrayal of the Australian landscape, the prize is open to Australian artists over the age of eighteen.

This year's expert judging panel includes leading Tasmanian artist **Dr Neil Haddon** who won the prize in 2018, as well as **Tina Baum**, Curator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art at the National Gallery of Australia, and **Jane Devery**, Senior Curator of Exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia.

"It's great to be involved with the Hadley's Art Prize," says Tasmanian judge Dr Neil Haddon, "as it not only elevates individual artists but also plays a vital role in promoting and preserving myriad views about place and relationship with the Australian landscape. I'm very much looking forward to seeing all of the entries."

2024 marks the 190th anniversary of Hadley's Orient Hotel. "It feels like a particularly special year to be holding the Hadley's Art Prize," remarks Prize Curator Dr Amy Jackett, "as Hadley's has a long history of supporting the arts. The hotel walls have shared some incredible artwork over the years, particularly landscape paintings. Some of the early landlords in the nineteenth century were art collectors and the hotel hosted major exhibitions in the early twentieth century. The Hadley's Art Prize celebrates and shares the work of contemporary Australian artists, making the hotel a great place to enjoy art in the heart of Hobart."

"Hadley's is the ultimate art-lovers destination during the finalists' exhibition," continues Dr Jackett, "It's a wonderful opportunity to come and live with some of the finest landscape art from across the country."

In addition to the major prize presented by Hadley's Orient Hotel, there is also a desirable one-month studio residency prize presented by The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Salamanca Arts Centre and Artery, as well as honourable mentions, a Packing Room Prize and The Mercury People's Choice Award.

Each year, the finalists' exhibition includes a dynamic 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 15 March 2024, with the winner announced on 2 August at Hadley's Orient Hotel. The exhibition of finalists will be held at Hadley's Orient Hotel, 34 Murray Street Hobart, from 3 - 25 August 2024.

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

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