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Entries open for *Hadley's Art Prize 2020* with exciting new prize

Entries have just opened for the highly-coveted Hadley's Art Prize. With \$100,000 awarded to the overall winner, it is still believed to be the world's most lucrative landscape art prize.

This year the prize pool has grown with a one-month studio residency prize also up for grabs in addition to the major prize, the People's Choice Award, the Highly Commended prizes, and a \$1,000 framing voucher prize.

"Having a dedicated space to create is essential to any artist," Prize Curator Dr Amy Jackett explains. "Hobart's art scene is thriving, yet this kind of opportunity in the Hobart CBD is extremely rare, with limited studio spaces available and very little affordable accommodation for artists."

The studio prize offers the winning artist one month of accommodation in the heart of Hobart and one month of a studio space in the Salamanca Arts Centre, providing the artist with the opportunity to meet other artists and become immersed in the Hobart art scene.

"This residency is sure to inspire the winning artist," says Dr Jackett. "It's a different kind of prize that might just be the experience they need to further their practice."

Young, emerging artist Alexander Beech was a finalist in the 2019 Hadley's Art Prize. He describes the experience of being a finalist as "very rewarding" with one of the highlights being connecting with other finalists.

Mr Beech, who is currently renting a studio in the Salamanca Arts Centre, says having a dedicated studio space enables him to create larger-scale work uninterrupted. "Also, being able to leave things in progress is important as when I come back the next day, my materials are ready and I am focused, ready to develop the works towards the next breakthrough in my practice," Beech explains.

The 2020 Hadley's Art Prize will be judged by Tasmanian artist Michaye Boulter, curator Peter McKay from Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane, and artist, curator, writer and educator Nici Cumpston from the Art Gallery of South Australia in Adelaide.

Entries for the Hadley's Art Prize 2020 close on Monday 6 April, with the winner announced on 24 July at Hadley's Orient Hotel.

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

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