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## Entries are now invited for the 2019 Mosman Art Prize

Entries are now open for the 2019 Mosman Art Prize. The annual exhibition will take place **11 September – 27 October at Mosman Art Gallery, NSW.**

The Mosman Art Prize is the longest running and most prestigious municipal art prize in Australia. Winning entries form the basis of the Mosman Art Collection, a valuable and historic collection that surveys Australian painting since 1947.

The Mosman Art Prize is an acquisitive award of **\$50,000** sponsored by Mosman Council. Previous winners form a roll call of Australian art luminaries; Grace Cossington Smith, Weaver Hawkins, Francis Lyburner, Nancy Borlase, Lloyd Rees, Guy Warren, John Caldwell, Frank Hinder, Elwyn Lynn, Margo Lewers, Peter Laverty, Jenny Sages, Noel McKenna, Dong Wang Fan, Elisabeth Cummings, Tim Johnson, Adam Cullen, Tom Carment, Jasper Knight, Lucy Culliton, Craig Waddell and Michael Zavros. Margaret Olley was the inaugural winner in 1947. Sydney-based artist Natasha Walsh was awarded the Mosman Art Prize in 2018.

The 2019 Mosman Art Prize will be judged by internationally acclaimed artist and previous Prize winner **Guan Wei**. Past adjudicators include notable Australian art figures such as Margaret Preston, John Olsen, Tim Storrier, Jenny Sages, Edmund Capon, Margaret Olley and John McDonald.

Each year over 900 entries are received in one very long day at the Mosman Art Gallery. The artworks are then selected for a finalist exhibition that extends across the entire top two levels of the Gallery for over six weeks.

The Mosman Art Prize offers four further art awards in addition to the acquisitive major prize.

### Other Awards

Thanks to the generous support of Gillian and the late Brian Jones, **\$6,000** is available through the **Margaret Olley Commendation Award**. The **Allan Gamble Award**, in honour of architect, artist, former Mosman Councillor and founder of the Mosman Art Prize, Allan Gamble, will be awarded to the best painting which explores the theme of 'the built environment'. This award is valued at **\$3,000** and is supported by Christine and the late Hugh Fraser. Awarded to an artist under the age of 35 years, the **Guy Warren Emerging Artists' Award** (valued at **\$2,000**) is supported by Fourth Village Providore, and the **Viewers' Choice Award** is supported by the Mosman Art Society and is valued at **\$1,000**.

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### Important Dates

Monday 26 August	Receiving Day for artworks (from 8.00am)
Friday 31 August	Finalists (selected for exhibition) announced
Tuesday 10 September	Prize announcements and official opening (6.30pm - 8.30pm)
Wednesday 11 September	Exhibition opens to the public (daily, 10.00am - 5.00pm)

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*In Australia, art prizes come and go. They may offer large sums of money and have glamorous marketing campaigns, but they still have limited life spans. The chief exceptions to the rule are the Archibald Prize and the Mosman Art Prize.*

John McDonald, Sydney Morning Herald art critic and Mosman Art Prize adjudicator, 1989 & 2004

*The longevity of the Prize is evidence of the recognition both artists and the public have for the reputation of this award. When I consider the list of worthy artists who have won this Prize over the years, it reveals a roll call of the nation's most talented and admired artists.*

Susi Muddiman OAM, Director of Tweed River Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre and Mosman Art Prize adjudicator, 2016

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## **2019 MOSMAN ART PRIZE**

Where: Mosman Art Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman NSW 2088

On view: 11 September to 27 October 2019

Open: 7 days, 10am – 5pm (Wednesday 10am-8pm). Closed public holidays.

Admission: Free

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Information: [www.mosmanartgallery.org.au](http://www.mosmanartgallery.org.au)



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