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Entries now open for the 2019 Mosman Youth Art Prize.

Young artists are invited to register now for the 2019 Mosman Youth Art Prize. Initiated by internationally acclaimed and local artist Ken Done AM in 1988, the Prize is one of the longest running and richest prizes for young artists in Australia. The exhibition features the diverse talents of young, aspiring and emerging artists aged 12 - 21 and offers them the opportunity to exhibit their work in a public art gallery. This is a popular competition with close to 400 entries received annually with entrants from all over Sydney and regional areas. The highly sought-after Prize has launched the careers of many well-known contemporary artists such as Alex Seton, Natasha Walsh and JD Reforma.

Entry is online at www.mosmanartgallery.org.au with the receipting of artworks at the gallery on Tuesday 30 April.

This year's entries will be judged by leading Sydney performance artist and previous Mosman Art Gallery exhibiting artist Liam Benson, who documents his work through embroidery, photography, video and new media.

Benson says: *"I am excited to celebrate young artists and their work through the youth prize, because I recognise the honesty and passion each artist has for their medium and subject even in the early stages of their creative practice. The drive to create art with a medium you love is what will propel an artist into a lifelong journey and career as an artist. I look forward to seeing this dedication to creativity represented in the youth prize."*

The Mosman Youth Art Prize has again secured a generous primary sponsorship from luxury car dealer Audi Centre Mosman which is contributing \$5,000 towards the cash prizes. With this money, the Prize provides rewards for young artists seeking a career in the visual arts and makes the Mosman Youth Art Prize one of the richest competitions for young people with \$13,000 in prizes including cash, scholarships, materials and other prizes.

The Prize is also supported by local businesses and other organisations including the Ken Done Gallery, Fourth Village Providore, The Julian Ashton Art School and The Rotary Club of Mosman. Additional prizes will also be given by the Australian Watercolour Institute, Mosman Art Society / Art Smart and Friends of Mosman Art Gallery.

The winners will be announced at the exhibition opening night on Friday 10 May, 6.30pm. The exhibition runs from 11 May – 9 June 2019.



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