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2013 MOSMAN ART PRIZE exhibition 13 July - 25 August

Mosman Art Gallery presents the 66th Mosman Art Prize

Sydney: Mosman Art Gallery will host the 66th Mosman Art Prize exhibition from Saturday 13 July to Sunday 25 August. This annual art prize is Mosman Art Gallery's flagship exhibition showcasing excellence in contemporary painting practice from Australian artists.

The Mosman Art Prize is a national painting award **with major prize of \$30,000.**

Sponsored by Mosman Council, it is the longest running municipal art prize in Australia. Along with fostering the practice of established and emerging artists, Mosman Art Prize is an acquisitive award that forms the basis of the Mosman Art Collection, a valuable and important survey of Australian painting.

The first Mosman Art Prize was held in 1947. Judged by acclaimed artist Lloyd Rees, the inaugural prize was won by a very young Margaret Olley.

Subsequent prize winners include artists such as Grace Cossington Smith, Weaver Hawkins, Francis Lyburner, Nancy Borlase, Guy Warren, John Caldwell, Frank Hinder, Elwyn Lynn, Margo Lewers, Peter Laverty, Earle Backen, Ken Reinhard, Jenny Sages, Noel McKenna, Adam Cullen, Fan Dongwang, Elisabeth Cummings, Tim Johnson, Guan Wei, Tom Carment, Nicholas Harding, Cressida Campbell, Peter Godwin, Jasper Knight, James Powditch, Lucy Culliton, Kerrie Lester and Craig Waddell.

The 2012 Mosman Art Prize was won by David Fairbairn for *Seated Figure J.B. with orange ground –A portrait of artist James Barker.*

Past adjudicators of the Prize have also included prominent figures in the Australian art world such as Margaret Preston, John Olsen, Tim Storrier, Edmund Capon, Jenny Sages, John McDonald, Reg Richardson, Kon Gouriotis and Margaret Olley,

The 2013 Mosman Art Prize will be judged by artist Lucy Culliton, (winner 2000 Mosman Art Prize for *Still Life/White Ground*).

In addition to the major prize of \$30,000, Mosman Council sponsors the Allan Gamble Memorial Art Prize. An accomplished architect and artist, and Mosman Councillor for 24 years, Allan Gamble was the founder of the Mosman Art Prize in 1947. Valued at \$3,000 (non-acquisitive), this prize is awarded to the best painting that explores the theme of 'the built environment'.

Mosman Art Prize winners are announced at the official opening on Friday 12 July at 6.30pm. Guest Judge Lucy Culliton will launch this year's exhibition.

Exhibition events include a Public Program of Artist Talks that offer personal and professional insights to contemporary painting practice.

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The 2013 Mosman Art Prize offers a total prize pool of \$40,000 across the following categories:

- **The Mosman Art Prize - \$30,000 – major award**
(an acquisitive award, sponsored by Mosman Council)
- **The Allan Gamble Memorial Art Prize - \$3,000 – for built environment**
(non-acquisitive, sponsored by Mosman Council)
- **The Mosman Art Prize Commendation Prize – \$5,000**
(non-acquisitive, sponsored by Henry Bucks)
- **Young Emerging Artists' Award (under 35 years) - \$2,000**
(non-acquisitive, sponsored by Fourth Village Providore)
- **Mosman Art Society Viewers' Choice Award - \$1,000.**

Important Dates:	MOSMAN ART PRIZE – 66 years in 2013
Monday 01 July:	Closing entries / receiving day for artworks (8.00am – 7.00pm)
Monday 08 July:	Finalists announced online
Friday 12 July:	Announcement of Winners
13 July to 25 August:	Public viewing finalist's exhibition

Where:	MOSMAN ART GALLERY cnr Art Gallery Way & Myahgah Road, MOSMAN, 2088, NSW
Open:	7 days, 10am – 5pm
Admission:	Free
Gallery reception:	02 9978 4178
Website:	www.mosmanartgallery.org.au

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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, Mosman Art Prize adjudicator, 1989 & 2004

The Mosman Art Prize is a barometer of contemporary painting which showcases some of Australia's best artists. When people see this show they will see a diversity of practice and the potential of painting as a contemporary medium and how immediate painting is to ideas.

Kon Gouriotis OAM, Mosman Art Prize adjudicator, 2010

