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REGIONAL WA'S BEST ARTISTS REVEALED AS FINALISTS IN WA'S MOST INNOVATIVE ART PRIZE

Fifty-four artists from Western Australia's regions have been identified as the cream of the crop in WA's most innovative art prize which has unearthed rising creative talent on a global platform.

This year's selection of finalists represented the variety of talent in WA's regional communities, with an impressive pool of emerging artists set to pave the way for the future of creative enterprise in the regions.

"It was encouraging to see a plethora of new entrants in this year's prize, as well as having established artists continue to enter – reinforcing the significance of The Jury Art Prize in Western Australia's art scene," said The Junction Co. CEO Sandy Harvey.

"The opportunity for a global audience to access the works of these finalists is one of the hallmarks of The Jury Art Prize and we're pleased that a new generation of artists will have the chance to showcase their works through multiple channels."

The finalists for The Jury Art Prize 2024 are:

Alice Boardman	Allery Sandy	Amy Palmer	Anna Spencer	Bibianna Tumbler	Bobbi and Skye Lockyer
Carrie McDowell	Cassandra Bynder	Diane Pearson	Edith Green Napangardi Napaljari	Emma Crook	Gordon Barunga
Gracie Green	Jacqueline Craigs	Janeen Horne	Joanna Sosna	Jos Coufreur	Joseph Nuggett (Japarti)
Kathleen Sorensen	Kaitlyn Elsegood	Katy McManus	Kelli Dawson	Kim Gillespie	Leah McManus
Leah Nanala	Lesley Meaney	Lori Pensini	Lorna Dawson	Lynley Nargoodah (Marlingia)	Marlene Anderson

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Mary-Lynne Stratton	Matilda Oxtoby	Melissa Foster	Melissa Sandy	Michael MacRae	Naomie Hatherley
Patricia Hines	Paul Fontanini	Paulette Jadzinski	Peta Riley	Peter Moir	Pia Sweeting
Rani Fankha	RJB	Rodney Gregory	Roslyn Hamdorf	Ruth Buckley	Sara Walker
Sarah Green	Sharon Warrie	Simon Hemsley	Vikki Cook	William Upchurch	Zenith Gardiner

The winners will be selected by the following panel of judges:

- Jude van der Merwe
- Tom Muller
- Ron Bradfield Jnr.

Prize winners will be announced at The Jury Art Prize 2024 exhibition opening on Saturday 18 May, held at the Courthouse Gallery+Studio, Port Hedland, as well as being broadcasted live at Yagan Square, Perth.

The Jury Art Prize awards include:

- Patron Prize, awarded to an emerging artist based in the Town of Port Hedland, with a cash prize of \$3,000 [DO WE NEED TO MENTION IT IS SPONSORED BY TOPH OR CAN EXCLUDE FOR THE MR]
- Kathy Donnelly Award, named in honour of local arts pioneer and awarded to an emerging regional WA artist, with a cash prize of \$3,000
- The Judges Prize, awarded to the work and artist demonstrating quality and excellence, with a cash prize of \$10,000
- The Jury Prize, awarded to the work which receives the most votes from the general public, with a cash prize of \$10,000 and announced at the end of the exhibition period

All finalist works will be exhibited at the Courthouse Gallery+Studio in Port Hedland, WA, and broadcast at Yagan Square, Perth City, throughout the exhibition period (18 May – 19 July 2024).

They can also be viewed online via The Junction Co.'s virtual gallery, accessible on their website: www.thejunctionco.com.au/the-jury-art-prize-contest.

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