

# ACU EXHIBITION INSPIRING TEACHERS TO FIND THEIR ARTIST WITHIN

The next generation of art educators experienced life as an artist as part of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Art Acquisition Exhibition at the Ballarat Campus on Wednesday, November 4.

Designed by a team of student curators, sixty works were on display created by first and fourth year students from the Bachelor of Education Primary and Early Childhood Education courses in the form of paintings and sculptures. Exhibition coordinator and ACU Arts Lecturer Dr Gillian Schroeter said the opportunity for students to gain artist experience will prove invaluable for their own classroom teaching.



Stephanie King Acquisition Prize Winner



Emily Whitehead Performance Winner  
pictured with Guest Artist Wahibe Moussa

“Picasso said all children are artists, I believe in this idea and realise the potential that the arts have to allow children to access knowledge and develop their potential, which means that our teachers need to be able to teach in the arts,” Dr Schroeter said. “For our future teachers to be great art teachers they need to feel they are also artists. The exhibition gives these undergraduate teachers an experience of being an artist and also allows them to practically prepare for exhibition, which is something that teachers do on a regular basis. Teachers have a really important role in allowing young people to recognize their potential in life and art.”

The students were vying for the \$500 ACU Ballarat Art Prize, sponsored by ACU Ballarat Campus Dean Associate Professor Joe Fleming, which was voted on by attendees of the Exhibition. The winning work will be displayed on campus as part of the prestigious Ballarat Campus Art Prize Collection.

Highlighting the night was a performance by well-known Melbourne actor and writer Wahibe Moussa, who also presented the Artists’ Choice Award.

The free exhibition was open to the community and hosted in the new Catherine of Siena Centre on the Ballarat Campus. The evening included musical and dance performance works from students.

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Assoc Prof Gloria Stillman presenting



Annie Clayton Lecturer's Choice Winner



Lacey Pietsch Artist's Choice Award winner