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THE ACU BIENNIAL PEOPLES' CHOICE ART ACQUISITION



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The ACU Art Exhibitions are becoming something of a cultural hub in Ballarat. The biannual ACU Art Exhibition was held on Tuesday, May 17 at ACU's Ballarat Campus to showcase artwork by third year Bachelor of Education (Primary) students.

A large gathering of ACU students, staff, friends, family and community enjoyed an evening of immense cultural value. Each of the third year students contributed a final art piece or performance for exhibition, twenty-six pieces in total. Further works developed in tutorials including sculpture, photography, story books and self portraiture were also exhibited.

The Acquisition Award is chosen by the people present on the evening and each exhibition has included a moment from an artist, actor, dancer or musician. This year we welcomed a guest musician and parent, Miranda Brockman of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Miranda presented a wonderful speech in regards to the value of the arts in education and performed an exquisite piece for all to feel, hear and enjoy.

The Head Curator for this event is Dr Gillian Schroeter, Student Curator this semester was Rhiannon Eustice, and Arts Administrator, Clare Gilmartin. Each exhibition is supported very generously by the Campus Dean, Associate Professor Joe Fleming. The National Head of Education, Chris Branson attended and spoke to the students about his belief in arts education and presented awards to students. Several monetary and gift awards were available on the evening. These were donated by the Executive Dean of Education, Professor Tania Aspland, National Head of Education, Professor Chris Branson, Victorian Head of Education Professor Alex Kostogriz and Campus Dean, Associate Professor Joe Fleming.



Rhiannon Eustice, winner of the Artist's Choice Award and ACU Acquisition Award.

Winners in the 2016 Student Art Exhibition were:

- Performance Award (\$100) – Hannah Walter
 - Selected and presented by Campus Dean Joe Fleming (funded by State Head Alex Kostogriz)
- School of Education Choice Award (\$180) – Tara Blythe
 - Selected and presented by National Head of Education Chris Branson
- Executive Dean’s Encouragement Award (\$250) – Elizabeth Dorian
 - Selected and presented by National Head of Education Chris Branson (funded by Executive Dean)
- Lecturer’s Choice Award – Beatrice Brockman-Munn
 - Selected and presented by Gloria Stillman (donated by Campus Dean)
- Artist’s Choice Award – Rhiannon Eustice
 - Selected and presented by special guest Miranda Brockman (donated by Campus Dean)
- ACU Acquisition Award (\$250) – Rhiannon Eustice
 - Selected by People’s Choice and presented by Campus Dean Joe Fleming

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