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General Information

Mission to Seafarers Melbourne
2020 Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition
Opening Night Thursday 1st October 6pm
Public Viewing Friday 2nd to Sunday 18th October 10am-8pm

Theme: The Relationship of Humanity to the Sea
\$10,000 First Prize
Maritime, Traditional, Emerging Artist and People's Choice Categories
Call for Entries 12th May to 31st August 2020

missiontoseafarers.com.au/art-prize
717 Flinders St. Docklands VIC 3008

Overview

The Mission to Seafarers Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition is an international competition that has been hosted at the heritage-listed Mission building in Melbourne's Docklands for eighteen years.

A major fundraising initiative of the Mission to Seafarers, it is only possible thanks to the generosity of our sponsors who provide the prize money and other in-kind contributions. The artists, many of whom support the exhibition with entries every year, also pay an entrance fee and a 33% commission on all works that are sold.

The Opening Night will bring together the selected maritime artists, award sponsors, representatives from the shipping industry, art buyers, philanthropists and other Mission to Seafarers supporters, all with the common purpose of celebrating the winners and recognising the purpose of the Mission in its support of seafarers' welfare.

Prizes

\$10,000 'Maritime Art Award'
\$5,000 'Best in Traditional Maritime Art Award'
\$1,000 'Emerging Artist Award'
\$2,000 'People's Choice Award'
\$2,000 'Runner-Up Award'

Selection

Up to eighty finalists will be selected for exhibition and notified by email on or before Monday 7th September 2020 and invited to present their work between Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th September 2020 only to:

'The Mission to Seafarers Victoria, 717 Flinders Street, Docklands, VIC 3008'

Award winning artworks will be featured following the Opening Night online at missiontoseafarers.com.au/art-prize

Judging

- This year's Judges will be announced shortly.
- Judging will take place on Monday 28th September and the winners in each category will be announced at the official Opening Night on Thursday 1st October.
- Finalists will receive a formal invitation to attend the Opening of the Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition with one guest. Additional tickets can be purchased prior to the night for other guests.
- Decisions made by both the selection and judging panels are final and there will be no discussion or correspondence regarding this process.
- The hanging of artworks in the exhibition is at the discretion of the curator.

Advertising and Promotion

The Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition is widely promoted through both print and digital media in an established campaign with an extensive reach. Advertisements are placed in Art Guide, Art Almanac, and Arts Hub, as well as several shipping related publications. Social Media platforms are also utilised to promote this highly regarded and well recognised institution.

Fees and Commissions

- Entry fee is AUD\$45.00 (inc.GST) for each work submitted and is non-refundable.
- All entries are listed for sale and must remain available for sale for the period of the exhibition. A 33% commission will be deducted from the sale price by the Mission to Seafarers.
- Artists will be paid for any sold artwork within 30 days of full payment by the purchaser.
- Commission will also apply to the sale of any works that are purchased within 60 days of the end of the 2020 Exhibition, as hosted online by MtSV.

Copyright for Images

- The selected artists give license to the Mission to Seafarers Victoria to reproduce images of their artwork for promotional purposes for the duration of the Exhibition, and collateral announcements from the time of submission to 30th June 2021 inclusive.
- Artists who receive an Award or a Highly Commended place in each category give license to the Mission to Seafarers Victoria to reproduce images of their artworks for promoting the Maritime Art Prize and collateral announcements from 1st October 2020 to 30th August 2021 inclusive.
- Artists will be credited in all promotional activities where artwork images are reproduced.

Conditions of Entry

- Entries open on Friday 1st May 2020, and close strictly at 5pm AEST on Monday 31st August
- Submitted work(s) whether traditional or contemporary, must explore the maritime theme of *'The Relationship between Humanity and the Sea'* thematically and/or literally. The Artist's Statement must reflect the connection of the work to the theme.
- The Award is open to 2D artwork for wall hanging only. Works may not protrude further than 10cm from the wall. Mediums may include painting, mixed media, collage or drawing. Photography, printmaking and entirely digital works are excluded.
- Incomplete submissions will be ineligible for consideration. Please use the checklist to ensure your application is complete.

Conditions of Entry (contd.)

- Artists are invited to submit up to two works and both are eligible for selection. Selected works are accepted into the exhibition on the following terms:
 - a) The work is an original work of the artist
 - b) The work has been produced within the past two years and not previously exhibited in the MtSV Maritime Art Awards
 - c) Overall dimensions (not total surface area) including framing, do not exceed 140cm high x 140cm wide
 - d) Diptych and Triptych proposals must be accompanied by a clear image of the assembled work and hanging instructions
 - e) The weight of the artwork must not exceed 15kg
 - f) Works framed under Perspex should be clearly marked for cleaning purposes.
 - g) Works must be professionally presented, dry (paint) and clearly labelled on the back and ready to hang with secure hardware and hanging wires. Any works that arrive without hanging fixtures will be charged a hanging fee of AUD\$25+GST
- Due to the individual nature of contractual arrangements between artists and galleries, it is the responsibility of represented artists to advise their gallery that they have entered work in the Maritime Art Awards. The Exhibition organisers acknowledge that the gallery gives consent to the represented artists to participate in the Exhibition and agrees to abide by the terms for exhibition and sales as specified in the Entry Criteria.
- Benefit derived from entering this competition may be revoked should the artist be unable to ensure license to reproduce images of the artwork for publication due to existing copyright conditions with another party.
- Artists' exhibit at their own risk and will be responsible for the cost of freight each way and insurances whilst in transit and exhibition; works collected after the pickup deadline will incur storage fees.
- All artworks will be repackaged in their original wrappings at the closure of the Exhibition ready to be collected – artists must supply return shipping details (including a return address) with their artwork. It is the responsibility of the artist to ensure works are professionally and securely packaged for transport/delivery and have glass taped and corners protected.
- Neither the Mission to Seafarers Victoria nor its employees or representatives will accept responsibility for any loss or damage, however caused, to any artwork whilst in their custody.
- The Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition Committee reserves the right to reject any wet, dangerous or delicate works that cannot be safely exhibited, or any work received in a condition unsuitable for presentation.
- Collection of all unsold works at the conclusion of the Exhibition is the responsibility of the artist. Works are to be collected upon the closure of the exhibition on Sunday 18th October from 5pm-8pm, and daily 11am to 8pm until Friday 30th October 2020
- An artist's signed authority is required if an agent of the artist is collecting.
- Artists dispatching works by 'Pay on Delivery/Freight Collect' to a nominated return address must contact the Art Prize Coordinator prior to the closure of the exhibition to confirm details.
- If works are not collected within three months of collection date, work will be treated at the discretion of the Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition Committee and/or the Management of The Mission to Seafarers Victoria Inc.

Conditions of Entry (contd.)

*For those without access to internet we will accept hardcopy applications by post and will upload to our website on your behalf. Please note this is an exception to the rule of online entry.

Post to:

Mission to Seafarers Victoria,
717 Flinders Street,
Docklands,
VIC 3008.

Hardcopy submissions require payment by Cheque or Money Order payable to the 'Mission to Seafarers Victoria' or deposit to our bank account.

Mission to Seafarers Victoria Inc.
Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000
Account Number: 133 814 400

Please ensure you include in the description of the transfer "Artprize" with your surname and initials so we can match your payment to your application.

