



Expressions of Interest Sought

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Hall & Wilcox requests Expressions of Interest (EOI) from artists who wish to enter the 2017 Hall & Wilcox Art prize and Exhibition program.

Hall & Wilcox is a leading Australian independent business law firm. We have offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, Perth, Canberra and Brisbane and act nationally for Australian-based clients and multinational clients with Australian interests. We are a firm of more than 400 people, including 70 partners. We have depth and breadth of expertise across a number of practices and industry sectors.

Through the Hall & Wilcox Art prize and Exhibition program, we support emerging Australian artists who embrace a variety of materials and technologies and respond to different cultural contexts in their works and artistic expression.

Each year Hall & Wilcox will host exhibits featuring two to three artists in its offices. Each exhibit will commence with a launch event which allows the featured artists to share their works with clients, friends and staff of Hall & Wilcox who, as potential buyers of the artworks, wish to support the development of the emerging artists.

One piece from each exhibition will be acquired by Hall & Wilcox and named as a finalist for the 2017 Hall & Wilcox Art prize. All acquired pieces will be displayed in Hall & Wilcox's meeting rooms and client spaces until the announcement of the winner of the Hall & Wilcox Art prize at the launch of first exhibition of 2018.

More information regarding Hall & Wilcox Art prize and Exhibition program is available online.

About the Hall & Wilcox Art prize

The Hall & Wilcox Art prize is a national award given to one emerging Australian artist each year. The winning piece will be selected from the pool of finalists selected at each of the exhibits hosted by Hall & Wilcox across Australia.

The Hall & Wilcox Art prize will be awarded by Hall & Wilcox's Art committee and announced at the launch event for the first exhibition of 2018.

Throughout 2018 the winning piece will be featured as part of the Hall & Wilcox's art exhibits and displayed prominently in our offices with a plaque and details of the artist.

Who should submit

As a program which has been established to support emerging Australian artists, we are looking for expressions of interest from Australian artists working in any medium who are not represented by any gallery or agent and have had less than two solo exhibits.

What to submit

Please note that this call for EOI is a request for qualifications only, and not for specific works for exhibition.

To express interest please provide the following:

- a professional history in up to 250 words
- artist statement including:
 - a brief description of your style and medium of work
 - if you identify with a particular artistic genre
 - estimated wall size or space required for your works
- JPEG images of the work to be exhibited or examples of other work indicative of the style and standard of work proposed (between 5-10 images)
- indicative pricing of your works. The prize is aimed at emergings artists and so, as a guide, pieces should be priced below \$3,000. Sales are more likely where pieces are priced between \$200 and \$1,500 and
- details of the hanging or display requirements for your works.

How will submissions be evaluated?

Submissions will be reviewed and assessed by Hall & Wilcox's Art committee with a particular focus on supporting emerging artists who:

- most benefit would from the exposure offered by the Art exhibition and acquisition program
- embrace different media, materials and technologies and
- respond to different cultural contexts through their works and artistic expression.

Following the review of submissions selected artists may be invited to attend a briefing at Hall & Wilcox to discuss their submission.

Exhibiting as part of the Art exhibition and acquisition program

Once artists have been selected for inclusion in the Art Exhibition and Acquisition Program, the Hall & Wilcox Art committee will advise them of the proposed dates of the exhibit and provide details of the other artists who will also be exhibiting.

The Hall & Wilcox Art committee will then work with the artists to identify works for inclusion in the exhibit. At each exhibit we aim to show approximately 5-10 works per artist (depending on size and style of work).

All works included in an exhibition must be for available sale during the exhibition, with all proceeds of sales going to the artist.

Generally each exhibition will be six to eight weeks in duration.

All exhibitions will be at Hall & Wilcox's Melbourne and Sydney offices.

Hall & Wilcox assistance

- Hall & Wilcox will prepare promotional material and a catalogue for each exhibition.
- To mark the beginning of each exhibition, Hall & Wilcox will host a launch event at which:
 - Hall & Wilcox will invite staff and clients with an interest in art acquisition
 - each artist can invite up to five guests and
 - a Hall & Wilcox representative will do a short introduction of the artists and the artists will be invited to do a short presentation about their works (if they wish).
- Hall & Wilcox will make up to \$1,500.00 in financial assistance available per exhibition (to be allocated among the exhibiting artists at Hall & Wilcox's discretion). The financial assistance will include the pickup and delivery cost for all works and, upon provision of proof of payment, reimbursement of artist for expenses incurred in preparing for the exhibition (eg purchasing of paint and canvases).

Artist obligations

Each exhibiting artist must ensure that:

- all works to be exhibited are ready for collection in the week prior to the exhibition
- they promptly provide all information, images and other material required by Hall & Wilcox for the production of the exhibition catalogue and promotional material
- all art work is set, dry and ready for display
- all hanging works are fitted with D Rings suitable for the display using Hall & Wilcox's wire and hooks tracking system and
- artists will be responsible for the packing of their art work for transportation to and from our offices before and after the exhibition.

Applications

Applications to participate in the Hall & Wilcox Art Exhibition and prize program are now open. Apply by completing this expression of interest document and submitting it to:

Expression of interest – Hall & Wilcox Art prize

Hard copy

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