

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## MANDORLA ART AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mandorla Art Award committee is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2018 award:

Corinne Barton (WA)	Ian Johnston (VIC)
Bec Bigg-Wither (ACT)	Jennifer Keeler-Milne (NSW)
Godfrey Blow (WA)	Alice Linford Forte (WA)
Bob Booth (WA)	Jane Lyons (NSW)
Libby Byrne (VIC)	Aliesha Mafrici (WA)
Charlotte Campbell (WA)	Elizabeth Marruffo (WA)
Laura Castelijm (QLD)	Simon & Naomi McGrath (NSW)
Mikaela Castledine (WA)	Antoinette McSharry (NSW)
Madeleine Clear (WA)	Alan Morrison (QLD)
Emilio Cresciani (NSW)	Michael Vincent Murphy (WA)
Julie Davidson (VIC)	Sonia Payes (VIC)
Robert Davis (WA)	Rachel Peters (VIC)
Paul Drok (WA)	Julian Poon (WA)
Kris-Ann Ehrich (QLD)	Suzanne Rivera (VIC)
Silvana Ferrario (WA)	Brian Robinson (QLD)
Thomas Gibbs (VIC)	Laura Siryj (QLD)
Alicia Gorey (WA)	Alexandra Spargo (WA)
Naomi Grant (WA)	Courtney Spence (QLD)
Beric Henderson (NSW)	Nicole Steenhof (WA)
Benedict Juniper (WA)	Monique Tippett (WA)

The selection panel of Claire Bushby, Janis Nedela and Prof Bill Loader deliberated for some time to make a selection of 40 works from the 186 entries received. The artworks respond to the 2018 theme “And then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...” (Rev 21 : 1-2)

The prize winners will be announced at the official opening on Friday 1 June. The finalists will be exhibited from June 2 – 30 at Turner Galleries, Northbridge.

A selection of works will then tour to New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery, St John of God Healthcare and St Mary’s Cathedral Perth.

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## **About the Mandorla Art Award**

The Mandorla Art Award for contemporary religious art is Australia's most significant thematic religious art prize, attracting some of the country's finest artists since its 1985 inception. For more information, visit [www.mandorlaart.com](http://www.mandorlaart.com)

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