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Helpmann Academy Graduate Exhibition 2010

The showcase exhibition of South Australia's emerging artists

Opens: 6:00pm, Thursday 18 February

Opening speaker: Victoria Lynn, Visual Art Curator, 2010 Adelaide Festival

Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, King William Road, Adelaide

Friday 19 February to Sunday 14 March

Hours: 10:30am - 4.30pm daily

Celebrating its fifteenth year, the Helpmann Academy Graduate Exhibition 2010 is a diverse and energetic survey show, presenting the best of the most recent graduates of the four Helpmann Academy partner schools in the visual arts. The exhibition has grown from modest beginnings to an established position as a large and forward-looking showcase of South Australia's emerging artists.

For many of the artists now being presented, this will be the first time they have appeared in a major show beyond the context of their school, while for others it will be the continuation of an already burgeoning career.

For the public it is a great opportunity to experience the energy, vitality and diversity embodied in the work of twenty-eight outstanding artists, many of whom they will be seeing for the first time. A range of practice will be shown, including ceramics, drawing, installations, jewellery, moving image, painting, photography and sculpture.

This year's exhibiting artists are:

Sophia Bersée	Zoë Brooks	Thom Buchanan	Kim Buck
Matthew Cronin	Carolina Facelli	Cathy Frawley	Klaus Gutowski
Ray Harris	Shaw Hendry	Elizabeth Hetzel	Scott James
Anik Janyooyan	Michelle Jones	Ros Matson	Wayne McAra
Astra Parker	Rachael Polson	Brooke Randall	Gina Ray-Zwar
Guy Ringwood	Joshua Searson	Shelley Smith	Andrea Taylor
CJ Taylor	Alessandra Tomeo	Lyn Wood	Jaime Z

The opening night features the presentation of prizes and awards valued at more than \$11,000, including the Hill Smith Gallery/Helpmann Academy Friends Award; Raffan Art Prize; City of Adelaide Award; the Adelaide Art Society Award and the ever popular Backer's Prize. Everyone attending throughout the exhibition will have the opportunity to play their part, voting for their favourite artwork to win the Peoples' Choice Award, sponsored by Peter Walker Fine Art.

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