

## MEDIA RELEASE

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The logo for the Calleen Art Award 2024 features the word 'CALLEEN' in large, bold, purple letters with a colorful, splattered texture. Below it, 'ART AWARD' is written in bold, red letters, and '2024' is written in a stylized, red, vertical font.

### **CALLEEN ART AWARD 2024 - FINALISTS ANNOUNCED**

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery is pleased to announce the finalists of the Calleen Art Award 2024 acquisitive national painting prize worth \$30,000. The Calleen Art Award encourages originality, creativity and excellence in the visual arts.

The Calleen Art Award was founded in 1977 by Cowra Art Patron Mrs Patricia Fagan OAM and is made possible with the generous support of the Calleen Trust. The Calleen Art Award finalists' exhibition at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery is a signature art event in the central west region of NSW.

This year the Gallery received 254 entries with 48 works being selected as finalists by the selection panel of art professionals. The selected artworks consist of a diverse range of visually compelling and thought provoking paintings. The winning work will join the Calleen Collection housed at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery and visitors to the Calleen Art Award exhibition of finalists can vote in the People's Choice Award. This will be announced at the end of the exhibition.

The opening night and announcement of the winner of the Calleen Art Award 2024 is on Friday 27 September 2024 from 6.30pm for 7pm and promises to be a memorable and enjoyable event. The Calleen Art Award 2024 judge is Mr Richard Perram OAM, Curator and previous Director Bathurst Regional Gallery

Exhibition dates: 28 September to 19 November 2024 at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery, 77 Darling Street, Cowra. Open: Tues – Sat, 10am – 4pm and Sun 10am – 2pm. Admission free.

## CALLEEN ART AWARD 2024 FINALISTS

Alyssa Aleksanian	Melissa Guest	Penelope Oates
Tim Allen	Geoff Harvey	Lucy O'Doherty
Susan Baird	Michelle Henry	Amanda Penrose Hart
Katie Barron	Greg Hill	Lori Pensini
Anthony Bartok	Margaret Hogan	Sally Robinson
Andrew Baylor	David Isbester	Michael Simms
Lee Bethel	Nicole Kelly	Todd Simpson
Kate Briscoe	Graham Lupp	Joanne Sisson
Anthony Cahill	Angela Malone	Gary Smith
Spencer Calveley	Nicola Mason	Fiona Somerville
Ham Darroch	Kerry McInnis	Brenda Stace Chat
Rachel Ellis	Lisa McKimmie	Neridah Stockley
Julia Flanagan	Peta Minnici	Zena Vix
Anne-France Fulgence	Tully Moore	Guan Wei
Joanna Gambotto	Ingrid Morley	Madeleine Winch
Tim Gregory	Anh Nguyen	Tim Winter

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