



Media Release

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NATIONAL STUDENT ART GLASS PRIZE 2014

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is delighted to announce the launch of the third **National Student Art Glass Prize**, in the National Art Glass Gallery this Friday, April 4. This highly acclaimed biennial competition was first launched in 2010, and was established to reward and promote innovation and excellence in contemporary glass within the student sector. In this year's exhibition, works by students from universities across Australia are on display, including the Australian National University, the University of Sydney, the University of South Australia, Monash University, and Edith Cowan University in Western Australia.

The success of the first two **National Student Art Glass Prizes** in 2010 and 2012 has already established this competition as one of the highlights of the Australian art glass calendar. With so many exciting and fresh young artists on show, it's an unmissable opportunity to find out what the future of Australian glass has to offer. Casting, fusing, engraving, and many more experimental techniques – these are artists in glass who push beyond the mainstream to explore new skills and concepts.

"Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is very excited to continue to offer this unique opportunity to emerging glass artists from across Australia," said Michael Scarrone, Curator – Glass, National Art Glass Gallery and National Art Glass Collection. "The prize is open to all Australian and international students studying art glass as part of a university course in Australia. The winning artist will receive two masterclasses and a conference at North Lands Creative Glass in Scotland, internationally recognised as the most prestigious institution for the study of glass art in Europe, and their work will be acquired for the National Art Glass Collection."

The **National Student Art Glass Prize** will be judged by prominent glass artist Elizabeth Kelly, and Anna Grigson, director of Sabbia Gallery. The winner will be announced at the exhibition launch on Friday 4 April by Frank Howarth, former director of the Australian Museum. The launch will be followed, on Saturday 5 April, by a symposium from students selected for this year's exhibition, together with a presentation by Chris Boha, winner of the Prize in 2012.

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- **Exhibition Launch and Prize Award:** Friday 4 April, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Student Symposium:** Saturday 5 April, 10:00am – 2:00pm
- **Exhibition Dates:** Saturday 5 April – Sunday 29 June, 2014
Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sunday: 12:00pm – 4:00pm