

Frequently Asked Questions

General

What are the prizes?

A total prize pool of \$23,500 is on offer across 5 categories:

- Blacktown City Art Prize (acquisitive): \$15,000
- First Nations Artist Prize: \$2,500
- Local Artist Prize: \$2,500
- Early-Career Artist Prize (acquisitive): \$2,500
- People's Choice Prize: \$1,000

*Acquisitive means that Blacktown City Council will acquire your work to be a part of the Blacktown City Art Collection. No additional artwork fees will be paid beyond the sum of the prize monies.

Is there a theme for this year's prize?

There is no theme, but make sure to check out the Terms and Conditions for the 2025 judging criteria.

How many artworks can I enter?

You can enter up to 2 artworks, but you will need to complete a separate online entry form and entry fee for each work.

How will I know if my artwork has been selected as a finalist for the Blacktown City Art Prize?

The list of selected finalists will be published on the Blacktown Arts website and social media channels in November. Additionally, all entrants will be emailed directly with the outcome of their entry.

*Please only drop off your work if you have been notified that you are a finalist.

Eligibility

What kind of artwork can I enter?

Artworks can include, but are not limited to, painting, drawing, photo media, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, sculpture and/or ceramics

We are unable to accept film, video, sound, performance and installation work.

What size can my artwork be?

Two-dimensional artworks cannot exceed 155 cm (H) x 155 cm (W) including frame. Please note that artworks larger than this will not be accepted

Three-dimensional artworks must be free standing and cannot exceed 200 cm (H) x 150 cm (W) x 150 cm (D). The maximum weight for three-dimensional artwork is 40 kg. Please note that artwork larger or heavier than these specifications will not be accepted.

What prizes am I eligible for?

Please refer to the Terms and Conditions for more information about the prize categories.

Do I need to live in Blacktown City to be eligible to win a prize?

No, entries from across Australia are eligible for all prizes, except the Local Artist Prize.

I live overseas. Can I enter the Blacktown City Art Prize?

The Blacktown City Art Prize is only open to applicants currently living in Australia.

Entry Form

Why won't the entry form accept my image?

If you receive an error message while uploading an image, your file may be too large.

Please ensure the maximum file size is 2MB and the maximum image size is 1500 pixels in width or height. You can resize your images using: <http://www.resizeimage.net>

Do I need to send an artist statement or CV?

You must submit a short artist statement (of up to 100 words) with your entry. There is no requirement to send a CV.

Can I make changes to the artwork details after I have entered the prize?

If you need to make changes to your entry form after you have submitted it, please email the Blacktown Arts team at artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Unfortunately, we are unable to make changes to entry forms after the closing date of Monday 28 October 2024.

Presentation of Artworks

How should I frame my artwork?

It is entirely up to you how you would like to frame your artwork. Previous judging panels have commented that simple frames which enhance the qualities of the artwork are better than overly decorative frames.

What are D-rings? And do I need them?

A D-ring is a small metal ring that is shaped like the letter D.

D-rings are attached to two-dimensional artworks, one on either side, so the artwork can be hung from these points.

You do not need D-rings if your artwork has a synthetic cord on the back.

If your artwork is a stretched canvas on a timber stretcher, it can be hung from the stretcher.

Can I assemble my own three-dimensional artwork?

We ask that all three-dimensional artworks requiring assembly be accompanied with installation notes and a photograph of the artwork. You may also discuss the assembly of your artwork with an art handler when you deliver the artwork.

Do I need to provide a plinth?

No. Blacktown Arts has a collection of plinths that will be used for the exhibition and will select the appropriate plinth for you.

Can I install my own artwork?

No. We employ professional art handlers who install all artworks on behalf of the artists. Artists are not allowed on site for install.

My artwork needs power, can this be arranged?

Yes. However, power points are limited and this may affect where your artwork is installed.

My artwork needs to hang from the ceiling. Is this acceptable?

No. We are unable to suspend or hang artwork from the gallery ceiling.

Delivery and Collection of Artworks

When can I deliver my artwork?

If you are selected as a finalist, you should deliver your artwork to The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre at 78 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, NSW on Friday 13 or Saturday 14 December 2024 between 10 am and 5 pm.

Please only drop off your work if you have been notified that you are a finalist.

Entry to The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre car park is via Campbell Street, Blacktown.

We will have art handlers available for assistance on the day.

Can I get someone to deliver the artwork on my behalf?

Yes. You will need to provide Blacktown Arts with permission to accept your artwork from a third party via email outlining who will be delivering the work, and in advance of the delivery dates.

The person delivering the artwork will need to show photo ID and sign in the artwork on behalf of the artist.

If you are using a courier service, we will need details of the courier company, consignment number and date of delivery.

Please send all delivery details to artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

What happens if my artwork is lost in transit?

Blacktown Arts does not take any responsibility for artworks during transit and while onsite. We encourage participants to include transit insurance when organising a courier.

If my artwork is unsold at the end of the exhibition, when do I collect it?

Unsold artwork should be collected from The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre at 78 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, NSW on Saturday 29 or Monday 31 March 2024 between 10 am and 5 pm.

If your artwork is to be returned by post or courier service, please inform Blacktown Arts staff of the courier company, consignment number, date and time of collection.

If I post my artwork for the exhibition, will it be posted back to me?

Yes. However, all costs, packaging, transport and postal arrangements must be made by the artist. The Blacktown Arts team will liaise with you on how to submit information about the delivery, including the courier company, consignment number, date and time of delivery.

Your artwork will need to be collected within 1 week of the exhibition closing.