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LEADING MARITIME ART AWARDS OPEN APRIL FOR ENTRY ANL Maritime Art Awards & Exhibition 2017

The **Mission to Seafarers Victoria** (MTSV) **ANL Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition** is a celebratory initiative, recognising excellence in maritime and seafaring subjects in art. Submissions are now open to all artists from across Australia and overseas for 2017.

Having already showcased over 900 art works since its inception in 2002, the esteemed awards honour artists that create pieces in response to the theme of **'the Relationship between Humanity and the Sea'**. Submissions adhering to the theme can be created using both contemporary and/or traditional methods.

Some of Australia's most celebrated contemporary artists have entered the prize in previous years including: Richard Claremont, Joel Rea, Peter Campbell, Maxwell Wilks and David Rowe.

Offering a collective of **\$29,000 in prize money**, the five category program includes the prestigious **'ANL Maritime Art Award'** with the winner receiving a \$15,000 prize. The awards are as follows:

- The acquisitive 'ANL Maritime Art Award' valued at \$15,000
- The acquisitive ASP 'Best in Traditional Maritime Art Award' valued at \$5,000
- The non-acquisitive 'Emerging Artist Award' valued at \$2,000
- The non-acquisitive 'People's Choice Award' valued at \$2,000
- The non-acquisitive Neville & co 'Runners up' valued at \$2,000

The awards will be open for submission until Sunday 27 of August, 2017 with entries judged by the ANL Art Prize Awards Committee. Eighty of the finest pieces will be shortlisted in September for the final judging on Monday 2 October, 2017

Selected artists will be invited to attend the Opening Night of the exhibition hosted at the historic Mission to Seafarers Centre, Thursday 5 October, where the major commendations will be announced.

Winning artworks will be open to the public at the Annual Exhibition from the Friday 6 October to Friday 27 October between 12pm and 6pm daily.

For more information about the **ANL Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition 2017** including entry conditions and entry form visit: www.missiontoseafarers.com.au/anl-art-prize

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In this it's 160th year, the MTSV is a not-for-profit organisation that works extensively to support the seafaring community. By providing spiritual and practical services, creating a place of safety and relaxation the MTSV has national and international impact. To further support the cause, the funds raised through the ANL Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition assists in maintaining the provision of services and programs to assist seafarers who visit the Port of Melbourne.

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