



WWS Foundation **ART SHOW** 2016

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ECLECTICA 2016 - Much More Than A School Art Show

Eclectica 2016, at Frensham in Mittagong, is once again set to showcase some of the country's top artists and exciting emerging art talent this November 5 & 6.

Set in the historic campus and beautiful gardens at Frensham, and held just once every five years, this will be the Art Show not to be missed. There will be something for everyone from the seasoned art collector to the casual art lover or first time buyer. This highly anticipated art event, with over 200 works professionally displayed on the school campus, includes two of this year's Archibald Prize finalists, Lucy Culliton and Zoe Young.

Lucy is also one of an elite group of only 24 artists who have had their works chosen for the Archibald, Sulman and Wynne in the same year and her work will be a highlight. Her striking oil paintings which bring different aspects of rural Australia vividly to life - from landscapes, flowers and native birds to warm and engaging still lifes of those country show mainstays, knitted toys and home produce. Zoe has now been twice selected as an Archibald Prize finalist and will be at the show demonstrating her painting skills.

Other well-known and emerging painters, sculptors, photographers and artisans on show include:

- rising star, Sydney-based Tyrone Layne, who is attracting significant attention on both sides of the Atlantic as well as at home for his witty, detailed paintings of individuals at work and play;
- visual artist **Catherine Nelson** whose internationally recognised work using digital technology has been exhibited worldwide and has featured in movies such as *Harry Potter*, *Australia* and *Moulin Rouge*;
- Melbourne-based jewellery designer, **Lousje Skala**, who has elevated her craft to portraiture and will soon be featured in the permanent collection at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra.
- Weavings by **Dimity Kidston**
- Popular sculptors, who will be exhibiting work that is perfect for the home or garden, Tobias Bennett, Annie Herron, **Heidi McGeogh**, Luke Storrier, whose work was part of the Chelsea Flower Show Winning Garden, and Harrie Fasher, well known for her sparse and dynamic equestrian metal work.

Local artists exhibiting at Eclectica 2016, to name a few, include **Richard Allen**, David Ball, **Martial Cosyn**, **Helen Gauchat**, Harriet Goodall, **Libby Hobbs**, **Joe Vinks** and Shelly Willingham. The catalogue can be viewed online www.wwsfoundation.com.au. Eclectica 2016 is part of the Southern Highlands Arts Festival and Art Studio Trail giving Southern Highlands' residents and visitors an opportunity to immerse themselves in a vibrant creative environment set against the backdrop of beautiful spring gardens and rural landscapes.

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