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Young artists show their flair at Emerge

The 2019 Emerge: Youth Art Awards held on the weekend received over 100 entries from young artists across the state, ranging from painting to photography and sculpture.

Held at Tresillian Arts Centre from 2-6pm on Saturday 27 July, the free exhibition showcased work from talented artists aged 12 to 25 along with an afternoon of live music, food, giveaways and an awards ceremony.

A large crowd of exhibition attendees gathered to watch the awards ceremony at 5.30pm, where a total prize pool of \$2000 was awarded to the five winners, consisting of the Residents and Open Awards – First Place and Commendations – and the People's Choice Award, the only award where voting took place on the day of the exhibition.

City of Nedlands resident Mia Davis took out the Residents Award First Place for her clever sculpture '*Mirror Image*', with Maihushika Kawryshanker receiving the Commendation award.

Queens Park resident Mia Barnes won the Open Award in First Place for the artwork '*Dichotomy*', with Melissa Clements receiving the Commendation award for that category.

It was all smiles for Curtin University graduate Cameron Richards who won the People's Choice Award for his painting titled '*Girl in the Coffee Shop*'.

"Winning the People's Choice Award was such a great surprise. It was my first art-related award, and to receive it amongst so many talented young artists was very special to me. Thanks so much to all the people who voted for my piece" said Cameron.

The judging panel consisted of Jillian Ciemitis, a WA artist specialising in printmaking and photography who has previously exhibited in Japan and China, Harrison See, a Perth contemporary artist with a background in painting and industrial design and Mikaela Castledine, a practicing collage and sculpture artist for more than 30 years, who won the prestigious Mandorla Art Prize in 2018.

Councillor Ben Hodsdon – who presented the awards on behalf of the Mayor – said "I've been impressed by the number of young artists entering the competition this year, and the high calibre of entries received. What an incredible amount of creativity we have in the local community" he said.



IMAGE: Emerge People's Choice Award Winner Cameron Richards and City of Nedlands Councillor Ben Hodsdon

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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