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REFUGEE ART PRIZE 2013

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## Shortlist announced for refugee art prize

Forty inspiring artworks have been shortlisted for the AMES and Multicultural Arts Victoria 2013 *Heartlands Refugee Art Prize*, including thirty-two refugee artists from Victoria.

The shortlisted artwork will be on display at the *Heartlands Refugee Art Prize Exhibition* held at fortyfivedownstairs in Flinders Lane from **18-29 June 2013** in the lead up to Refugee Week, at Walker Street Gallery in Dandenong from **4-27 July 2013** as part of the Emerge Festival and The Homestead at Werribee Park from **1-14 September 2013**.

The exhibition will showcase shortlisted entries from the *Heartlands Refugee Art Prize 2013*, including paintings, drawings, photography and mixed media works from talented refugee artists who have arrived in Australia since 1970. This year artists have shared their interpretation of what they would like to see in the world and reflected the art prize theme '*I wish to see...*'

The prize-winners will be announced and awarded at a special exhibition launch event on Thursday 20 June. A total prize pool of over \$20,000 will be shared by three primary prize-winners, a newly arrived prize and an artist in residence prize.

Heartlands' judge and Curator Damian Smith, said this year's *Heartlands Refugee Art Prize* attracted 70 entries which continue to foster the vibrant, multifaceted work of artists who have settled in Australia under the Federal Government's refugee resettlement program.

"Things common to us all, like food and music, story telling and art and the need to feel safe and secure are what binds us together as people and this is what the Heartlands Prize reveals," said Smith.

"To us as its fortunate viewers, Heartlands is an opportunity as well; an occasion to loosen old assumptions, to see beyond the cultural stereotypes and to learn more deeply about the newest members of our community," he said.

Now in its fourth year, the *Heartlands Refugee Art Prize* is presented by AMES and Multicultural Arts Victoria in partnership with Parks Victoria, VicHealth, and the Victorian Multicultural Commission. The Prize is proudly supported by fortyfivedownstairs, STARTTS, Relationships Australia Victoria, City of Greater Dandenong, Walker Street Gallery, Arts Victoria and the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria.

The judges include Carol Cain, curator of Asian Art at the National Gallery of Victoria, Daine Singer, curator and director of Daine Singer Gallery in Melbourne, Geoff Hogg, a painter, senior lecturer at RMIT and public art pioneer, Jill Morgan AM, Chief Executive Officer at Multicultural Arts Victoria, Damian Smith, Curator and arts writer and director for Words For Art, and Monica Kelly, Acting Executive Manager of Participation and Equity at VicHealth.

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Heartlands is part of the Multicultural Arts Victoria's *Emerge Festival* from 18 May – 31 July, across Victoria. *Emerge* will showcase the contribution emerging and refugee communities are having on contemporary arts and culture [www.multiculturalarts.com.au](http://www.multiculturalarts.com.au).

## **Heartlands Refugee Art Prize Exhibition**

### **Fortyfivedownstairs**

45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

18-29 June 2013

### **Walker Street Gallery**

Cnr Walker & Robinson Streets, Dandenong

4-27 July 2013

### **The Homestead Werribee Park**

320 K Road, Werribee

1-14 September 2013

## **Heartlands Refugee Art Prize 2013 – Shortlisted artists**

<b>Artist's name</b>	<b>Area /Suburb</b>	<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Title of artwork</b>
Abdullahi Ibrahim	Carlton, VIC	Somalia	Here!
Amer Rashad	Preston, VIC	Iraq	New Life and Old Memory
Anthony Rodriguez	Thornbury, VIC	Colombia	(Ambivalent) Freedom of Movement
Athraa Al Sawafy	Dallas, VIC	Iraq	Beauty of domes and palm trees in my city Basra
Ayel Akot	Fitzroy, VIC	South Sudan	Peace and violence
Carmenza Jimenez Osorio	Reservoir, VIC	Colombia	Similar
Chol Deng Akuok	Truganina, VIC	South Sudan	My happy day
Dorota Connellan	Mt Martha, VIC	Poland	New arrivals
Edwin Araklyans	Kellyville, NSW	Iran	The other Side
Elvis Lopez	Carlton, VIC	El Salvador	Pause, Think, Breath
Fatemeh Ibrahim habibi	Telopea, NSW	Iran	Tiger in Chains
Haitham Petrous Dawood (Zorba)	Daylesford, VIC	Iraq	What is seen; can not be unseen
Hayatullah Nader	Blair Athol, SA	Afghanistan	Camel, boat, track and Afghanistan map with their history
Hedar Abadi	Liverpool, NSW	Iraq	My World

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Hussein Ali Zobeia	Dandenong North, VIC	Iraq	With the unity of religions peace will spread
Ibtihal Samarayi	Ourimbah, NSW	Iraq	Letter from a Child
Idil Abdullahi	Auburn, NSW	Somalia	Hand of Hawa
Ijaz Khalil	Sunshine North, VIC	Pakistan	Peace and war
Jose Humberto Carvo	Kingswood, NSW	Peru	I would like to see peace come back to the world, especially the countries which are in conflict
K'Ser Htoo	Werribee, VIC	Burma/Myanmar	Inner beauty
Kaveh Mastouri	Sunshine North, VIC	Iran	True verdict
Khadijeh Belchi Kangaloo	Windsor, VIC	Iran	Justice
Lamis Albyati	Dandenong, VIC	Iraq	Harmony
Maryam Asiaban	Reservoir, VIC	Iran	The Scream
Mehdi Jaghuri	Berwick, VIC	Afghanistan	I wish to see
Minh Phan	Pascoe Vale South, VIC	Vietnam	Two Views
Mohammad Ali Qazim	Truganina, VIC	Iraq	Alone in Grief
Nawal Khatiwada	Minto, NSW	Bhutan	Brother and sister
Neda Daryabar	Coburg, VIC	Iran	I wish to see no execution in the world
Nickel Mundabi	Shepparton, VIC	Dem Rep of Congo	Think about the Future
Rana Tallo	Roxburgh Park, VIC	Iraq	The synergy
Reem Faiq	Broadmedows, VIC	Iraq	Untitled (2013)
Rubaba Haider	Roxburgh Park, VIC	Afghanistan	Monologue
Safar Ali	Cranbourne, VIC	Afghanistan	The persecuted people
Solehi Nasibai	Sunshine North, VIC	Tajikistan	Hope Never Dies
Sutueal Bekele Althe	Flemington, VIC	Ethiopia	Fall of destructive energy
Thanh Duong	Ashwood, VIC	Vietnam	On the rise
Yosef Al Mussawi	Dallas, VIC	Iraq	Sad Woman
Zakia Haider	Roxburgh Park, VIC	Afghanistan	My wish
Zakir Rezaie	Mildura, VIC	Afghanistan	The Child