

### **Twenty-eight finalists announced at Yering Station Sculpture Exhibition & Awards launch**

At this year's launch of the Yering Station Sculpture Exhibition & Awards, twenty-eight Australian sculptors were named as finalists. This collaborative event between the Yarra Valley Arts Council & Yering Station, which is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, aims to promote contemporary Australian sculpture.

As Principal Sponsor of the event, Arnold Bloch Leibler held a launch at its Melbourne office on Thursday 1 October.

The firm has had a long-standing relationship with the Yering Station Winery and the Rathbone family, and began its association with this event in 2005. In support of this year's event and Australian sculpture, Arnold Bloch Leibler's Melbourne office will display works by some of the Yering Station Sculpture Award finalists throughout October and November.

"Here at Arnold Bloch Leibler we are proud and honoured to be involved in, and associated with, this wonderful event. Our offices are adorned with magnificent sculpture," said Arnold Bloch Leibler partner, Jonathan Wenig.

"We do this because art transports us beyond the everyday. We also support this to benefit the Leukaemia Auxiliary of the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne—an organisation that works so hard to nurture and heal the bodies and souls of children and families who are enduring unbelievable challenges."

The finalists, who include established and emerging contemporary Australian artists, are competing for the \$10,000 in prize money and a series of supporting awards. The awards will be announced at 3pm on Sunday 25 October at Yering Station in the Yarra Valley. A list of the finalists is provided below.

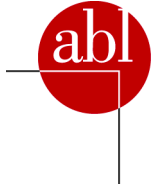
An annual event on the arts calendar, this year's exhibition received over 120 submissions from around Australia—the largest number of submissions received since its inception in 2001.

Principal judge Jason Smith—Director and CEO of Heide Museum of Modern Art—said, "the selection panel was particularly impressed with how the artists tuned into the opportunities that Yering Station offers for intelligent and moving site-specific work. There is a commitment by artists participating in this exhibition to make ambitious works that engage with some of the predominating issues of the present."

For more information about the exhibition and awards, email [artgallery@yering.com](mailto:artgallery@yering.com) or [info@yering.com](mailto:info@yering.com) or phone 03 9730 0100.

#### **2009 Yering Station Sculpture Exhibition Finalists**

Kay Abude	Mandy Gunn	Lucinda McEachern	Gordon Tait
Marynes Avila	Dana Harris	Brandon McFadden	Kim Tarpey
Annie Burns	Greer Honeywill	Genevieve McLean	Antonio Villella
James Cattell	Chaco Kato	Penny Parkinson	Richard Walker
Laurie Collins	Susie Lachal	Loretta Quinn	Dan Wollmering
Robert Delves	Angela Leech	Alex Sanson	Chris Wootton
Georgina Duckett	Rachel MacBryde	Peter Summers	Ben Wrigley



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