

2012 R & M McGivern Prize

The Trust Company & Maroondah City Council invite artists to enter their original oil, acrylic or watercolour work for the 2012, the R & M McGivern Prize.

Categories

R & M McGivern Prize (acquisitive)	\$25,000
People's Choice Award (non-acquisitive)	\$1,000

Entries must depict aspects of the theme **Uncertainty**

An exhibition of selected entries will be held from 10 May to 23 June 2012.

 **maroondahartgallery**
32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood 3134, Victoria

The Trust Company
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The R & M McGivern Prize is proudly presented by The Trust Company as Trustee of The R & M McGivern Arts Trust to McGivern and Maroondah City Council.



The R & M McGivern Prize is a national acquisitive award conducted by The Trust Company & Maroondah City Council. The prize was established in memory of Muriel and Reginald McGivern and is a legacy of Muriel's support of the arts in Maroondah. The prize is held every three years at the Maroondah Art Gallery and awarded to an artist who submits an outstanding original oil, acrylic or watercolour painting. The prize-winning entry becomes the property of the City of Maroondah Art Collection.

The R & M McGivern Prize aims to promote artistic excellence in watercolour, oil and acrylic painting and build a high quality collection for the Maroondah region.

For each year that the Prize is held, a different theme is selected.

In 2012 artists are invited to respond to the theme: '*Uncertainty*'

– the condition of being unsure about someone, something or the outcome of a future event. Whether economic, political, environmental, social or personal the twenty-first century is characterised by uncertainty.

JUDGING PANEL

The Judging Panel for the 2012 R & M McGivern Prize is:

Kelly Gellatly, Curator of Australian Contemporary Art, National Gallery of Victoria
Jason Smith, Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art
Warwick Reeder, Reeder Fine Art

Entries close: Friday 23 March 2012 at 5 pm

KEY DATES

Closing date for entries:	Friday 23 March 2012 at 5 pm
Shortlisting notification:	by Monday 16 April 2012
Receipt of works for exhibition:	between 30 April – 4 May 2012
Exhibition opening:	Thursday 10 May 2012 6.30 to 8 pm
Announcement of winner:	Thursday 10 May 2012 from 7 pm
Announcement People's Choice Award:	Friday 15 June 2012 from 3 pm
Exhibition dates:	10 May – 23 June 2012
Collection of work:	26 June – 28 June 2012

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entries

1. The R & M McGivern Prize is open to all artists living and/or working in Australia.
2. The entry judged the winner will become, and at all times remain, the property of Maroondah City Council (Council) as an acquisition to the City of Maroondah Art Collection.
3. Each exhibitor may enter only one work, which must have been completed since 1 January 2011.
4. All entries must be original work, owned and executed by the artist whose name appears on the entry form. The artist must be capable of transferring full title of the work to Council if the work is the winner of the 2012 R & M McGivern Prize.
5. The finished painting, including the frame, must be no larger than 200 cm (height) x 200 cm (width).

Online Application

6. All applications must be submitted via the online system on The Trust Company website, www.thetrustcompany.com.au/philanthropy/awards/rm_mcgivern.asp. The applicant must submit a high quality, full image of the actual art work, in either jpeg or pdf format no greater than 8MB.
7. Artists must upload the following documents with the online application form:
 - a one page (A4) CV giving current biographical and exhibition details and a
 - 120 word artist statement about the work and how it addresses the theme.

Payment Details

8. Applicants must forward a non-refundable entry fee of \$25 in the form of a cheque, money order or credit card.

Payment should be made out to:

The Trust Company – McGivern
and posted to:
The Trust Company c/o Christina Piazza
Level 15, 20 Bond Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Please ensure your name and artwork details are written on the back of the payment. Should you wish to pay via credit card, download the form from The Trust Company website.

9. Employees of Council's Arts & Cultural Services and Councillors shall be ineligible to enter the prize.

Preselection

10. Works will be selected from the digital image submitted.
11. The judging panel will select approximately 40 finalists who will be required to submit their entries for the exhibition and final judging. Please note that substitutes for works entered by the due date will not be accepted. This will be strictly adhered to.
12. All entrants will be notified of the pre-selection outcome by 16 April 2012.

Exhibition

13. Finalist's work must arrive at the Maroondah Art Gallery, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood, between Friday 30 April and Friday 4 May. Further details supplied upon notification.
14. Finalist's work must be suitably framed and ready to hang or otherwise prepared for display. Work must be clearly labeled with name, title of work, date completed, insurance value and media. Correct packing instructions and materials must also be provided with the work.
15. Any artwork damaged in transit or without an appropriate hanging system will not be presented for judging.
16. All selected works must be available for continuous display at the Gallery for the duration of the exhibition.
17. Artworks will not be for sale during the exhibition. Sale enquiries will be directed to the artist or their representative gallery.
18. The prize winner will be announced at the official 2012 R & M McGivern Prize exhibition opening at the Maroondah Art Gallery on Thursday 10 May 2012 from 7.00 pm.
19. The winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced on Friday 15 June from 3 pm.

Judging

20. The panel of judges comprises three independent arts industry professionals.
21. All entries will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - Creative use of the medium and response to the exhibition theme
 - Expression and technique
 - Originality of artistic perception & mode of interpretation

22. The judges shall solely determine the prize-winning entry.
23. Entrants must accept the judging panel's decision as final and acknowledge that no communication in relation to the decision will be entered into.
24. Council and The Trust Company reserve the right not to award the prize if the judges deem that no entry meets a satisfactory standard.
25. The prize money is \$25,000 for the acquisitive prize and \$1,000 for the People's Choice Award (non-acquisitive). The award recipient should obtain their own professional advice in respect of any taxation implications.

Insurance

26. It is the responsibility of the finalist to organise transportation and insurance of the work to and from the Maroondah Art Gallery for exhibition within the set dates listed in this entry form.
27. Council will provide insurance during the storage and exhibition of the R & M McGivern Prize at the Maroondah Art Gallery.

Freight

28. Entries will not be received by Council unless free of charge. No payment will be made by Council for freight or any other charge incurred in the delivery and/or return of any work submitted.

Reproduction of Works

29. Each entrant specifically permits and authorises The Trust Company and Council to reproduce his or her art work by print or electronic media for publicity purposes, reports, catalogues and any other publications related to the exhibition. Due attribution will be made to the artist.

Collection of Works

30. The exhibition will close on Saturday 23 June 2012. Entries, other than the prize-winning entry, are to be collected from Maroondah Art Gallery between Tuesday 26 June and Thursday 28 June 2012. If works have not been collected by Friday 20 July 2012 works will be returned to the entrant at the entrant's expense via Council's designated art courier.
31. Entrants must work in full cooperation with Council and The Trust Company throughout the 2012 R & M McGivern Prize.
32. Council and The Trust Company reserve the right not to accept any entry and to amend or add to these conditions of entry.