

# Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award.

## PORTRAIT OF A SENIOR TERRITORIAN ART AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2026

The Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award recognises and celebrates the achievements and contributions of senior Territorians to our community. It also encourages excellence and creativity in the art of portraiture by Northern Territory (NT) artists.

The award is held annually, with 2026 marking the 27th anniversary.

In addition to the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award, the Selfie with a Senior Award will commence during this time. Please see the separate Terms and Conditions and entry form for this competition.

Tactile Arts delivers the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award on behalf of the Northern Territory Government.

This agreement outlines the mutual expectations of both parties prior to and during the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award 2026.

**Residency Requirement:** Participants and subjects must currently reside in the Northern Territory.

**Eligibility to Enter:** This award is open to artists 16 years and over, on the date the applications close. A parent or guardian is required to complete the application form for anyone under 18 years of age.

**Definition of Artist:** The term "artist" may refer to an individual, collaboration, or group. The submitted entry must be created solely by the named artist or artists.

**Artwork:** Artworks must be of one or more living senior Territorians aged over 50, on the date the applications close. The subject must be known to the artist and be aware of the artists intentions.

**Timeframe:** Artworks must have been completed within the last 12 months of the application closing date.

**Submission Limit:** Artists are eligible to submit one artwork. Artworks submitted on previous years to the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award will not be accepted. (This also applies to previously submitted artworks that have been reworked).

Participants can enter both the Selfie with a Senior Award and the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award.

**Submission Deadline:** Entries must be submitted by midnight **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. No late entries will be accepted.

**Medium Diversity:** Artworks can be of any 2D medium (excluding photography, print, digital media, bas relief and artificial intelligence (AI) generated), or any 3D imperishable medium fully standing or wall mounted.

**Size Restrictions (2D):** Two-dimensional (2D) works must not exceed 1.5m (w), 1.5m (H), including framing.

**Size Restrictions (3D):** Three-dimensional (3D) artwork must not exceed 9kg, including mounting, fixings, and base. 3D artworks must not exceed a total of 2 pieces.

**Display Readiness:** All artworks must be ready for display if selected for the exhibition (e.g., paper artworks must be framed or mat-boarded with appropriate hanging elements). Artworks failing this requirement will not be included in the exhibition.

**Shortlisted Artworks:** Artists will be notified by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** if their artwork has been selected for the exhibition.

**Exhibition:** Tactile Arts reserves the right to consider, but not necessarily exhibit all submitted artworks. Shortlisted artworks will feature in the exhibition held in Darwin, Northern Territory with final dates and venue to be confirmed shortly.

**Delivery Deadline:** Artworks selected for the exhibition must be delivered between **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** to the designated location. This location is awaiting confirmation, and all finalists will be notified of the delivery location, any changes to delivery dates, and drop off windows as soon as these details become available.

Artists are responsible for packaging, freight, and insurance costs of their artworks to and from the designated location.

All delivered artworks will be held for the duration of the exhibition. Works will not be able to be collected until after the exhibition, with exact dates and collection location to be confirmed.

**Judging:** A judging panel of two to three art sector professionals will evaluate and decide on the three winning artworks after the shortlisted artworks have been delivered.

**Winning Categories:** There are three categories for this Award. First prize \$7000, second prize \$2000 and third prize \$500. These will be announced at the Award Ceremony and Opening Night.

**People's Choice Award:** A People's Choice Award of \$1000 will be awarded after the exhibition is completed. Voting for this award will be open to the public for the duration of the exhibition.

**Young Artist Award:** The Young Artist Award will be awarded to entrants in the age bracket of 16 to 25 years old, on the date applications close. The winner will be announced at the Award Ceremony and Opening Night.

**Payment of Winners:** Payment of prize monies will be coordinated by Tactile Arts in accordance with the Northern Territory Government protocols. Where an award is conferred on an artwork with collaborating artists, the award value will be split evenly between those artists.

**Insurance:** Artists are recommended to insure their work against loss or damage. Artists are responsible for their own transit security.

**Sales Requirement:** Artworks are not required to be for sale. It is the responsibility of the artist to indicate the price of the artwork in the entry form, exclusive of GST.

**Application Process:** Artists must submit a fully completed online application form after reading the Terms and Conditions.

**Collection of Artworks (after exhibition):** All unsold artworks must be collected by the artist or designated person. The dates and collection point are awaiting confirmation and will be provided to entrants shortly.

Unsold artworks that are not collected within four weeks from the closing date of the exhibition will be deemed to be the property of Tactile Arts and may be dealt with at the discretion of Tactile Arts, including disposal.

**Sold Artworks:** All sold artworks must be collected by the buyer or their agent. Where artworks cannot be collected in person, the buyer must communicate with Tactile Arts to organise artwork postage. The freight will be at the cost of the buyer.

**Copyright, reproduction and permissions:** The artist warrants that the artwork does not infringe any copyright, moral rights, intellectual property rights or other rights of any third party. The artist remains the copyright owner of the artwork and will be acknowledged as the creator of the artwork at all times.

The artwork will be documented by inclusion in the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award catalogue for archival and educational purposes.

By entering an artwork in the Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award 2026, the artist grants Tactile Arts and the Northern Territory Government a non-exclusive, non-commercial, perpetual, licence to freely use, reproduce, publish and communicate the selected artwork for publicity, promotional and educational purposes associated with the Award in print and digital media.

The winning artworks may also be reproduced to promote future Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Awards.

The artist grants Tactile Arts and the Northern Territory Government permission to provide the media with photos and information about the artwork and artist for the purpose of promoting or reporting on the exhibition or award recipients.

**Privacy Policy:** Tactile Arts is committed to ensuring the safety and security of personal data. Tactile Arts will only ask for data that is required to fulfil the application process. This information is stored on third party websites (Wordpress). Please read and access the individual websites Privacy Statement for further information.

**Code of Conduct:** Artists are expected to comply with Tactile Arts Code of Conduct. Any negative behaviour may result in an application being denied and payment being refunded.

**Important Dates:**

**Entries Open:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**Entries Close:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**Artwork Delivery Dates:** To be confirmed  
**Exhibition Dates:** To be confirmed  
**Winners Announcement:** To be confirmed  
**People's Choice Award Announcement:** To be confirmed  
**Artwork Collection Dates:** To be confirmed

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