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Vote for SA's best teenage Picassos in annual student art and design show

The creative talents of 130 art and design students from across South Australia is being unveiled today with the start of the SACE 2024 Art Show.

The SACE Art Show is one of the largest secondary school art and design exhibitions in the state, showcasing works selected from last year's class of more than 1350 Stage 2 SACE Visual Art and Design students.

Opening today at the Adelaide College of the Arts Light Square Gallery, members of the general public are being invited to visit the exhibition in person or online and vote for their favourite student work before the Art Show ends on April 12.

Student work selected for the SACE Art Show includes a broad range of oil and acrylic paintings, brand and design projects, architectural work, and digital designs chosen by a board-appointed curatorial panel.

A closing event next month will announce student awards across multiple categories, including the Voters' Award.

Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer said art was a wonderful way for students to express how they viewed the world around them.

"It's an honour to have students' artwork showcased in one of the largest secondary school art and design exhibitions in the state – and I congratulate all those taking part," said Mr Boyer.

SACE Board Chief Executive Michaela Bensley said the Class of 2023 had delivered an exhibition of works including incredibly detailed mosaics, intricate oil on canvas, digital and anime artwork, and the fusion of ceramic sculpture and street art genre.

"These incredibly talented artists have created beautiful and thought-provoking works, with consistent themes in this year's entries including mental health, cultural and gender identity, growing up, body ideals and beauty standards, and the impact of social media," said Ms Bensley.

The Art Show is hosted by the SACE Board and TAFE SA, and supported by the Minister for Human Services Nat Cook, the Australian Education Union, Eckersley's Art and Craft, Flinders University, Adelaide Central School of Art, and the Independent Education Union.

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The SACE Art Show at the Light Square Gallery (at the Adelaide College of the Arts, 39 Light Square, Adelaide) is open to the public until April 12. Bookings are essential. Community voters are entered into a draw to win a prize.

For more information on the SACE Art Show, including bookings and the online gallery, visit the SACE website www.sace.sa.edu.au/events/art-show.

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