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SALA selection underway

ACH Group artists joined staff and professional artists to select the final artwork for the group's flagship South Australian Living Artists (SALA) festival exhibition to be held in the heart of the city this August.

The exhibition will be held off Rundle St in The Space Between, a contemporary exhibition space housed within the historic Malcolm Reid Building, from 1 to 31 August.

It will be one of seven unique venues across the state showcasing work from ACH Group's community of residents, staff and volunteers who have entered artworks in this year's festival.

ACH Group Dementia Unit Senior Manager Lenore de la Perrelle says involving the artists themselves has been an important part of the selection process since ACH Group's first SALA festival six years ago.

"Our artists come from right across the state and whether they are just starting out or have been painting for years, their input is an important part of our involvement in SALA," she says.

She says ACH Group's theme this year, LOVE: give, share, celebrate, has inspired artists in many different ways.

"Many people focus on romantic love, with portraits of people, but there's also a love of nature coming through in landscapes, flowers and animals," she says. "We're seeing lots of strong colours which signifies passion – it should be a very bright, colourful exhibition."

Curator Helen Crawford is excited about The Space Between as a venue for the ACH Group community.

"This venue is a beautiful gallery space and is connected to a very vibrant part of the city," she says. "We're looking forward to a lot of people coming through who might not normally be exposed to these artworks."

"This festival allows a real engagement with the arts and a cross-pollination of all sectors and ages of society.

"We have people who have studied at a professional level right down to people who begin art later in life – age is no barrier.

"Our theme this year, love, is universal and such an essential element of life for all of us."

Established in 1998, SALA is the only major festival in South Australia dedicated to visual artists and enjoys a high level of community engagement with support from local government and small businesses. This year's festival offers 630 exhibitions and events featuring 4,699 amateur, emerging and professional visual artists exhibiting a diverse range of art including painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, digital media, moving image, glass, ceramics, textiles and more.

WHAT: The Space Between SALA Exhibition

WHERE: The Space Between, Level 1, 187 Rundle St, Adelaide

MORE INFO: www.ach.org.au/SALA2016



Above: Judge Bob Guild has been painting watercolours for more than 30 years. Top: Helene Weisser uses her knowledge of techniques, media and form to guide her selections.

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About ACH Group

ACH Group is a not-for-profit aged care organisation that has been offering services to support good lives for older people in South Australia since 1952. As well as accommodation options across Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula and East Melbourne, the group offers a range of health, wellbeing, respite and support services, help at home and social activities. Our 1700 specialist staff and hundreds of volunteers share the belief that older people should be valued and respected, connected to their communities and in control of their lives.

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