

The Ian Potter Museum of Art The University of Melbourne



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The Ian Potter Museum of Art announces finalists for the \$100,000 Basil Sellers Art Prize 2014



Narelle Autio
Untitled 2013
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120 x 80 cm
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Stills Gallery, Sydney

Sixteen finalists have been selected for the fourth Basil Sellers Art Prize, to be presented at the Ian Potter Museum of Art in July 2014.

The shortlisted artists are; Tony Albert, Narelle Autio, Zoe Croggon, Gabrielle de Vietri, Ivan Durrant, Shaun Gladwell, Richard Lewer, William Mackinnon, Rob McHaffie, Noel McKenna, Rob McLeish, Fiona McMonagle, Raquel Ormella, Khaled Sabsabi, Jenny Watson, and Gerry Wedd. Over 220 artists submitted entries for the \$100,000 Basil Sellers Art Prize, one of Australia's richest and most prestigious art awards.

Director of the Ian Potter Museum of Art, Kelly Gellatly, said "As a group, the sixteen finalists highlight the extraordinary talent of Australia's contemporary artists and each has a distinctive approach to the subject of the prize – the coming together of art and sport. We look forward to working with all of the artists in the lead up to the exhibition. It promises to be an exciting show that will present surprising, intriguing and delightful perspectives on this country's national obsession."

The finalists have 10 months to complete their work before the judging panel decides who will be awarded the Basil Sellers Art Prize 2014.

Judges include Robert Cook, curator of modern and contemporary photography and design at the Art Gallery of Western Australia; Michael Hawker AM, chairman of the Australian Rugby Union; Liz Ann Macgregor, director of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney; Dr Chris McAuliffe, art historian and curator; and Kelly Gellatly, director of the Ian Potter Museum of Art.

The prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to the winner, and an additional \$5000 Peoples Choice award will be voted for by visitors to the exhibition.

The finalists will exhibit at the Ian Potter Museum of Art, the University of Melbourne from July 25, 2014 until October 26, 2014. The winner will be announced at the exhibition gala opening.

For further information please go to: <http://www.sellersartprize.com.au>

Background Information

The Basil Sellers Art Prize encourages artists to take on the theme of sport in any artistic medium and supports artists whose work explores Australia's obsession with sport.

The prize is supported by Basil Sellers AM, a businessman and philanthropist. Basil is a well-known collector of art and a sports enthusiast who spends his time between Australia and Europe.

More images available upon request.

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