



WSA Artspost bi-weekly update - 25th February 2025

To our valued WSA members, clients, and supporters

Welcome to our bi-weekly WSA newsletter update. A reminder that this communication replaces the previous WSA monthly newsletters. If you know of anyone not receiving this communication, please send their email address to the Artspost email address so they may receive our updates: wsa@wsa.org.nz

Finalists have been selected for the **SSA 2025**. Please visit our website for a list of those selected: <https://wsa.org.nz/product/2025-small-sculpture-award/>

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Spaces for Hires: If you are looking for a venue or space to hire for a business event, consider Artspost galleries or one of the studios as great networking spaces.

Please direct enquiries to Julie Johnstone: wsa@wsa.org.nz

EVENTS

It was great to host Property Council NZ Central Region members for an in-gallery talk on Tuesday 25th Feb, by 4 people themed ‘Hobby to Hustle’. Thanks to Sarah Rundstrom and her team from PCNZ and to Julie Johnstone on behalf of WSA.

NZPPA Opening & Exhibition

A very successful NZPPA opening event was held on Friday 21st February, followed by judges and artist floor talks on Saturday 22nd Feb. Of the 345 artists who entered the awards, 65 finalists were chosen. Many thanks to our wonderful judges, Lynn Taylor & Matthew Browne who had the tough task of selecting winners from the fantastic array of art entered.

Congratulations to the award winners:

- **Printmaking Winner: Ben Reid** - ‘Sing Together’ 2024
 - *sponsored by Print Council Aotearoa NZ, Bytalus Legal, CFO Partner Rachael Hayton and WSA Life member*

- **Painting Winner: Rebecca Wallis** - 'A Loosening of Order'
 - *sponsored by Caiger Charitable Trust and Vision Complete Earthworks*
- **Printmaking Merit: Sybille Schlumbom** - 'Paper Princess I+II'
 - *the Ruth Davey Merit in Print Award:*
- **Painting Merit: Cara Fotofili** - "Shoo-bee-doo-bee-doo-bop"
 - *sponsored by Titus Engineering Consultants*

The people's choice award is still available for voting so please pop in and vote for your favourite - generously sponsored by *Gordon Harris*.

A heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors for this event

The exhibition runs until 22 March so please call in and see the works on display and for sale.

Current exhibitions

- **On until 22 March 2025:**
 - **NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards (NZPPA)**
 - **'Interaction'** by Volker Hawighorst
 - **'The Interplay'** by Josef Kleininger
 - **'Carnival and Anxiety'** by Michele Rumney
 - **'Realizzare un Sogno ('Fulfilling a Dream')** by Caroline Peacocke

Upcoming exhibitions

- **27 March - 28 April 2025:**

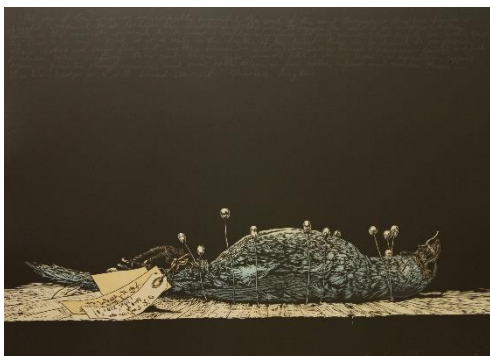
- **SSA 2025** (Small Sculpture Award) – opening event 5.30pm on Friday 28 March 2025; Judges talk 10.30am on Saturday 29 March
- **PCANZ** (Print Council Aotearoa New Zealand) **Small Print** touring exhibition
- **“The Calling”** Bruce McLachlan
- **“Still Hooked on Bronze”** The Bronzies
- **“Apples to Oranges”** Paul Darragh

Tuesday Talks

A free event where you can hear the artists talk about their inspiration, their journey of creativity and the exhibition works on display.

- **4th March 10.30am:**
 - **NZPPA finalists:** Erin Monique O’Brien, Steph McLellan and Sybille Schlumbom

Feature artists images: winners of the NZPPA Awards



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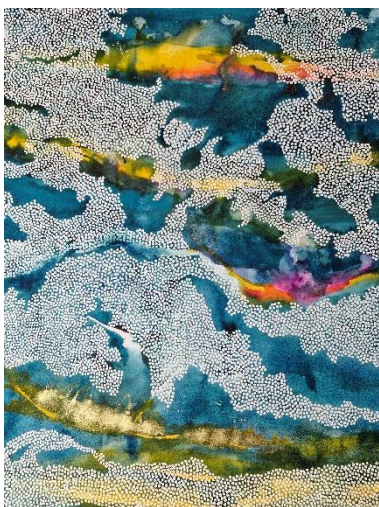
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Other art events happening in the Waikato

- Exhibition Opening - Morrinsville Gallery, 167 Thames Street, Morrinsville
 - Diane Scott (@diane_scott_art_nz), Cambridge
 - Keirryn Hintz (@keirrynhintzart), Hamilton
 - Jay Drew (@jay._.drew), Mount Maunganui

Opening event: **06 April 2025 from 11am - 1.30pm**

Exhibition period: **01 April - 27 April 2025**

- **The Cathedral Church of St Peter**, 51 Victoria Street, Hamilton, will be holding an Autumn Gala on **7 March** this year to raise funds for earthquake strengthening.

Contact Ann Harlow at aharlow24@gmail.com

- **Grey Street Studio** gallery space available

Contact - Maree Glass. 021 322575 maree.glass@gmail.com.

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- **The Sculpture Park** job opportunity - Casual position as weekend ambassador. Please get in touch with Dorothy on sculpturepark1@gmail.com or Suzie info@sculpturepark.co.nz

We warmly thank our newsletter sponsor
- Gordon Harris





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