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2022 SACE Art Show Award Winners celebrated

The dramatic artwork *Misandry* by Adelaide High School student Elise Capasso has been voted the most popular work exhibited at the 2022 SACE Art Show, winning the Credit Union SA Community Award first prize.

Inspired by ancient sculptures and feminist perspectives, the artist adapted classical interpretations into a contemporary context, aimed at capturing the intense feelings women have been trapped in for thousands of years.

The award was presented at the closing ceremony held at the Light Square Gallery on Friday evening. A range of awards were presented thanks to the generosity of sponsors Credit Union SA, Minister Human Services, Adelaide Central School of Art, Eckersley's Art and Craft, Flinders University, the Independent Education Union SA and the Australian Education Union.

The Credit Union SA Community Awards were introduced in 2015 and were designed to allow visitors to vote for their favourite art or design work in the annual exhibition.

Other Credit Union SA Community Award winners recognised at the ceremony included the runner up Byron Ashfield-Smith from Adelaide High School for his design work entitled *A Call to Save our Ocean*, a unique garment made from sustainable materials and designed to highlight the human impact on the ocean and marine life. Educator Electra Montiadis from Adelaide High School was presented with the Teacher's Award for teaching both winning artists. Monique Cheffirs won the Voters prize, being the lucky voter randomly selected from over 1,600 votes cast by students, teachers, families and community members.

Over 100 art and design works were displayed at the exhibition in the Light Square Gallery over the last month. All works remain available to view in the online gallery for the rest of the year.

SACE Board Interim Chief Executive Michaela Bensley praised the creativity, innovation and technical skills demonstrated by students in the diverse works on display.

"Arts participation allows us to envision 'the new' or 'what's next' by using imagination and creativity. Students have developed concepts from important topics spanning environmental conservation to their own personal struggles and emotions, then used deep understanding to transform these concepts into art and design works." Ms Bensley said.

"They have bravely articulated their own voice and vision, and their works are the result of years of effort and dedication to honing their skills. By developing these skills and capabilities students will be well supported to meet the demands of an ever-changing world."

Credit Union SA Chief Operating Officer Tim Prowse acknowledged that the number of visitors to both the physical and virtual SACE Art Show indicated strong community interest and support for the popular event.

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“Credit Union SA is proud to sponsor the SACE Art Show and support the budding creativity of the young artists and designers in South Australia,” Mr Prowse said.

“I congratulate everyone involved in this exciting event, particularly the talented students and supportive teachers participating in making this an outstanding exhibition.”

The virtual gallery remains open, for more information and to view the winning artworks visit <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/events/art-show/2022/gallery>

List of award winners 2022 SACE Art Show

Credit Union SA Community Awards

First Prize

Elise Capasso from Adelaide High School for her work *Misandry*

Runner up

Byron Ashfield-Smith from Adelaide High School for his work *A Call to Save our Ocean*

Teacher's prize

Electra Montiadis from Adelaide High School

Voter's prize

Monique Cheffirs

Other Sponsor awards

Eckersley's Art and Craft Encouragement Award

Jemha Dimas from Mary MacKillop College for her work *The Controversy of Life*

Adelaide Central School of Art Award

Esther Cheng from Eynesbury Senior College for her work *Wail of a Swan*

Australian Education Union SACE Art Show Award

Sophie Couldrey from Grant High School for her work *Touched*

Independent Education Union SACE Art Show Award

Jasmine Meldrum from Immanuel College for her work *The Women Who Came Before Me*

Flinders University Visual Arts Award

Meghan Lau from Loreto College for her work *The Nature of Sleep*

SACE Art Show Poster Award

Alexandra Matters from Endeavour College for her work *Sea The Change*

Minister for Human Services Regional Encouragement Award winners

Whitney Cheffirs from Kingscote campus of Kangaroo Island Community Education for her work *Fires can't destroy love and community spirit!*

Matt Majores from Balaklava High School for his work *Philippines Monopoly Board*

Zoelene Cook from Centralian Senior College in Northern Territory for her work *Coexistence*