

BECOME OUR BENEFACTOR – FAQs

What does Art Collective WA do?

Art Collective WA exists to improve access to and the acknowledgement of Western Australian visual artists, in particular those who have been living and working in Western Australia (WA) for many years. We are a not-for-profit organisation, run by artists, for artists.

We invite qualified professional artists to join through membership. As members, the artists understand there is a collective approach to running the organisation and that the outcomes reflect positively on members' careers.

Our vision is that Western Australian visual artists are celebrated and that their work is valued both inside and outside of the state.

What has Art Collective WA achieved so far?

Since our inception in 2013, Art Collective WA has exhibited the work of over 90 member and non-member artists – in our [gallery](#), and by invitation at Vasse Felix Gallery in Margaret River, [Charles Nodrum Gallery in Melbourne](#), the Melbourne and Sydney Contemporary Art Fairs, as well as Art Stage Singapore, and regional galleries in Bunbury and Geraldton in Western Australia. These regional, national and international exhibiting opportunities are integral to building our artists' careers.

We have published three [monographs and are in process of publishing our fourth](#) – Trevor Vickers: *Untitled Painting* (2016), Jeremy Kirwan-Ward: *You Can See It From Here* (2017); and Eveline Kotai: *Invisible Threads* (2019) and Olga Cironis (2021). This publishing initiative is a significant way to embed the careers of our artists and their contribution to Australian art history.

In February 2017, we took on new gallery premises in the heart of Perth in Cathedral Square. The interior space was designed by member Giles Hohnen and gives us an increased gallery footprint, a large stockroom and new opportunities to program great shows throughout the year.

How is Art Collective WA funded?

Art Collective WA is owned and run by artists. We are a not-for-profit incorporated association. Money raised through artwork sales and the generous support of our Benefactors and donors is invested in the development of more opportunities for our long-term career artists. Our sales commissions go straight back into the organisation to continue our operations. And we only seek public funding for specific projects.

What is an Art Collective WA Benefactor?

Our Benefactors are a small and vital group. They support our ongoing work, not just in funds, but in important friendship too. Since launching the Art Collective WA Benefactor group in 2015, we've brought art lovers and artists together. Our Benefactors augment their collections and help to secure the future of Art Collective WA, which means we can do more to create meaningful opportunities for WA artists and ensure their legacy. Our Benefactor call out is annual. Read on.

What do Art Collective WA Benefactors receive?

For an investment of \$2,500 you will receive:

- An original artwork donated by one of our artists, valued at ~\$4,000.
- Two invitations to our celebratory cocktail party, hosted by the artist members at our Cathedral Square gallery (2020 date: 29 August).
- Exclusive entree to a fine group of **Art Collective Benefactors**.
- Advice on art collecting and art installation.
- Invitations to all **Art Collective WA** events, with VIP status at art fairs.
- First option to join Art Collective WA Benefactors the following year.

How will my contribution be spent?

The money raised from our Benefactors group helps us to keep the doors open at our Cathedral Square gallery in Perth. These funds specifically support the operational costs of our gallery and our annual [exhibition](#) program. You can see past, present and future exhibitions on our website in the [What's On](#) section.

How is the artwork assigned to Benefactors?

Artworks are assigned to individual Benefactors by way of an entertaining ballot at the cocktail party usually at the end of June each year (in 2020, this is deferred to end of August). You won't know which artwork you will win until your number is drawn, however you can be guaranteed a quality, original artwork valued around \$4,000. And even if it's not the work you have your eye on, from our previous Benefactors' experience, it's likely you'll be surprised how much you love the work! It is a sure-fire way to start or beef up your personal collection of contemporary WA art! If you can't attend the party, we will hold the work for you.

Can I see the artworks that will be available for the ballot?

Yes. Images of the artworks are loaded to our [website](#) and social media feeds, as the artists donate them. We can also email you directly with images, just ask - felicity@artcollectivewa.com.au.

The works will also be on show in our gallery for a few days prior to the Ballot Party.

Is my contribution tax deductible?

We regret that your Benefactor's contribution is not tax-deductible as it is a two-way transaction. However, your transaction may qualify for the small business [Instant Asset Write Off](#) incentive for purchases – please check with your accountant to be sure.

Pledge your support today by contacting loretta@artcollectivewa.com.au