



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 that 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 100 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. These national and international exhibiting opportunities are integral to building our artists' careers.

We have published four [monographs](#) – Trevor Vickers: *Untitled Painting* in 2016 and Jeremy Kirwan-Ward: *You Can See It From Here*, launched in September 2017; *Eveline Kotai: Invisible Threads*, launched in May 2019; and *Olga Cironis: This Space Between Us* in March 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. This new space was designed by member Giles Hohnen and gives us an increased gallery footprint, a large [stockroom](#) and new opportunities to program great shows.

How is Art Collective WA funded?

Art Collective WA is owned and funded by artists, for 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.

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 we launched 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. Benefactors come from all walks of life and professions, the common denominator being their love of art and supporting local artists.

What do Art Collective WA Benefactors receive?

For your \$2,500 investment you will receive:

- An original artwork donated by one of our artists, valued at \$4,000.
- Two invitations to our celebration party, hosted by the artist members and staff at our Cathedral Square gallery.
- Exclusive entree to the group of **Art Collective Benefactors**.
- Advice on art collecting and art installation.
- Invitations to all **Art Collective WA** events, inc 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 supports the operational costs of the next year's [exhibition](#) program.

We also continue to represent WA artists outside of the gallery, by taking a selected member's work to Sydney Contemporary in September (COVID willing) and showing other especially packaged shows of members' work at the Regional Art Galleries in Bunbury and Geraldton.

How is the artwork assigned to Benefactors?

Artworks are assigned to individual Benefactors by way of an entertaining ballot at the annual Celebration Party. 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 grow to love the work! It is a sure-fire way to start or beef up your personal collection of contemporary WA art! We will hold the work for you if you can't attend the party.

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

Yes. Images of the artworks will be loaded to our website www.artcollectivewa.com.au and to our Facebook page prior to the Party. 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 approximately 10 days prior to the Party and Ballot. We love to show you the works and tell you their stories.

You are also always welcome to visit the **Art Collective WA** stockroom. Just contact our Director, Felicity Johnston on felicity@artcollectivewa.com.au

Is my contribution tax deductible?

We regret that your Benefactor's contribution is not tax-deductible as it is a two-way transaction. Also, as a new organisation, **Art Collective WA** is not yet eligible as a Deductible Gift Recipient. However, your transaction may qualify for the small business Instant Asset Write Off tax incentive for purchases of artwork for your workplace – please check with your accountant to be sure.