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#### What does Art Collective WA do?

Art Collective WA is a not-for-profit, artist-run organisation committed to improving access to and recognition of leading Western Australian visual artists — particularly those who have lived and worked in WA for many years.

We invite qualified professional artists to join through membership. As members, artists embrace a collective approach to running the organisation, with outcomes that reflect positively on their careers.

Our vision is for Western Australian visual artists to be celebrated, and for their work to be valued both within the state and nationally.

#### What has Art Collective WA achieved so far?

Since our inception in 2013, Art Collective WA has curated and exhibited the work of over 200 member and guest artists in more than 130 exhibitions in our gallery in Cathedral Square, Perth and by invitation at other spaces including major art fairs across the country and regional tours.

We've facilitated the acquisition of over 100 artworks into institutional collections, published five artist monographs, hosted interstate artists in residence, recorded and released over 80 artist conversations, and presented numerous offsite events in partnership with other organisations. These initiatives are integral to building our artists' careers and embedding their legacy within broader Australian art history.

Our gallery premises in Cathedral Square house our exhibition program, a large <u>Stockroom</u> and flexible space for ambitious 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.

Funds raised through artwork sales — along with the generous support of our Benefactors and donors — are invested directly into creating opportunities for long-term career artists in Western Australia.

Sales commissions go straight back into the organisation to support our operations. We also seek small-scale public funding from the WA Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport to assist with our participation in national and international art fairs.

#### Who are the Art Collective WA Benefactors?

Our Benefactors are a small and vital group. They support our ongoing work — not just financially, but through meaningful friendships and shared commitment.

Since launching the Benefactor program in 2015, we've brought art lovers and artists together. Benefactors augment their collections and help secure the future of Art Collective WA — enabling us to create more opportunities for WA artists and ensure their legacy.

Benefactors come from all walks of life and professions. The common denominator is their love of art and their belief in supporting local artists.

### What are the benefits of being an Art Collective WA Benefactor?

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

- An original artwork donated by one of our artists, drawn at the ballot party.
- Two invitations to our celebration party, hosted by the artist members and staff at our Cathedral Square gallery.
- Exclusive entrée 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?

Funds raised from our Benefactors support the operational costs of the following year's <a href="mailto:exhibition">exhibition</a> <a href="mailto:program">program</a> — ensuring we can continue to present ambitious, high-quality shows in our Cathedral Square gallery.

We also represent WA artists beyond the gallery — by taking selected members' work to national art fairs and presenting specially curated exhibitions at regional galleries across Western Australia.



## 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'll receive until your number is drawn — but you can be assured of a quality, original piece.

Even if it's not the work you had your eye on, many previous Benefactors have found they grow to love the piece they receive. It's a sure-fire way to start — or build — a personal collection of high-quality contemporary WA art.

And yes — if you can't attend the party, we'll hold the work for you. You're also welcome to send a proxy on the night.

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

Yes. Images of the artworks will be loaded to <u>our website</u>. We're also happy to email them diirectly <u>just ask!</u>

The works will also be on display in our Cathedral Square gallery from Friday 5 December, right through to the Party night on Saturday 13 December.

# Is my contribution tax-deductible?

We regret that your Benefactor's contribution is not tax-deductible – it is considered a two-way transaction.

If you'd prefer to support us through a tax-deductible donation, please get in touch to discuss alternate giving options.

### **Other Questions?**

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