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MINISTER ANNOUNCES SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW ARTS WINNERS

Minister for Tourism and Major Events, George Souris, tonight announced the winners of the Sydney Royal Easter Show Arts Competition, the biggest event of its kind to be held in Australia each year.

The Arts Preview evening was held at the new Southee and Badgery Pavilion at Sydney Showground, a new 10,000 square metre exhibition hall housing the Arts and Crafts, Fashion and Style, and Flower and Garden exhibitions this year and included the presence of RAS President Glenn Dudley.

“I congratulate each of the 24 winners of the Sydney Royal Easter Show Arts Competition for 2014. The standard of work is exceptional and a clear indication that the arts sector in NSW continues to flourish,” Mr Souris said.

Mr Souris presented the Francis Binnie Award for the most meritorious exhibit from class 50 to 347 in the Standard of Excellence Case to Val Elias of Windsor, NSW and also presented the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Art Prize for the best rural subject painted in traditional style to Melvin Duffy of Swansea, NSW.

“Congratulations to the winners of these prestigious awards, and also to Margaret Finucane of Tamworth, who received the Long Serving Exhibitor Award for having taken part in the Arts Competition for 26 years,” Mr Souris said.

“I am also pleased to say the NSW Government is continuing its support for the Sydney Royal Easter Show as a key event on the Sydney and NSW Events Calendar.

“The Sydney Royal Easter Show helps promote the arts as well as tourism and it consistently delivers more than \$20 million in visitor expenditure each year for NSW.

“The Arts and Crafts Competition has been a feature of the Show for many years, having run almost continuously since 1869. It is an important cultural institution, having reflected the changes in the Australian cultural landscape over this period.

“I hope visitors to the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year put the Southee and Badgery Pavilion firmly on their to-do list – it certainly won’t disappoint,” Mr Souris said.

For more information about the Sydney Royal Easter Show, visit www.eastershow.com.au

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2014 Arts Competition - award recipients

CATEGORY	AWARD	NAME
Painting	First Place – Rural Subject &/or Landscape	Julie Simmons
Painting	First Place – Still Life	Jeanne Rolph
Painting	First Place – Watercolour	Giulia Staudinger
Painting	First Place – Figurative	Kay Chapman
Painting	First Place – Marine/Seascape	Sylvia Davies
Painting	First Place – Australian Birds &/or Flowers	Steve Jannar
Drawing	First Place – Drawing on Paper	Jane Bennett
Print Making	First Place – Print Making on Paper	Kay Norton-Knight
Miniature Art	First Place – Miniature Art	Madeleine Szymanski
Photography	First Place – Rural Subject	Scott Bridle
Photography	First Place – Portrait	Sonja Breckenridge
Photography	First Place – Urban Landscape	Leah Davies
Photography	First Place – Open	Cameron Vaile
Sculpture	First Place – Figurative	Helen Alajajian
Sculpture	First Place – Abstract	Michael Hoskins
Sculpture	First Place – Miniature	James Dolton
Ceramics and Pottery	First Place – Functional	Lorna Ashfield-Mitchell
Ceramics and Pottery	First Place – Non-Functional	Kay Alliband
Ceramics and Pottery	First Place - Atmospheric Firing	Greg Cregan
Glass	First Place – Kiln Fired Glass	Clive Hillier
Glass	First Place – Blown Glass	Dan Campbell
Francis Binnie Award	Awarded to the most meritorious exhibit from class 50 to 347 in the Standard of Excellence Case	Val Elias
RAS of NSW Art Prize	Awarded to the best Rural Subject painted in a traditional style	Melvin Duffy
Long Serving Exhibitor Award		Margaret Finucane