## **ARTEXPRESS**

ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary bodies of work created by New South Wales Visual Arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination.

In 2021 there will be 10 unique ARTEXPRESS exhibitions across NSW at 4 metropolitan public galleries, 5 regional galleries and 1 virtual online gallery, exhibiting bodies of work created in 2020 by 270 Year 12 Visual Arts students.

## HOW IT HAPPENS

In 2020 bodies of work by 8,618 Year 12 Visual Arts candidates for the Higher School Certificate examination across NSW were submitted for marking. Bodies of work nominated for possible inclusion in ARTEXPRESS were then packed and sent from their schools across NSW to the Visual Arts Marking Centre for review.

Selected works represent all the expressive forms described in the Visual Arts syllabus - drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking, photo-media, designed objects, textiles and fibre, sculpture, documented forms, ceramics, time-based forms and collection of works – and reflect the HSC Visual Arts course candidature from government and non-government schools in NSW.

270 bodies of work are now part of ARTEXPRESS 2020 across 10 separate exhibitions that have been curated in collaboration with exhibiting public galleries.

## ARTEXPRESS AT MRAG

In ARTEXPRESS at Maitland Regional Art Gallery in 2021 there are 36 bodies of work: 30 by students who completed their HSC at schools in the Hunter and Central Coast and 6 bodies of work by students from other regional and metropolitan Sydney schools.

ARTEXPRESS at MRAG is unique in that it represents this particular candidature and in doing so presents a dynamic representation of expressive forms: drawing, graphic design, painting, printmaking, photomedia, sculpture, documented forms, time-based forms, ceramics and collection of works.

ARTEXPRESS is at Maitland Regional Art Gallery from Saturday 27 February until Sunday 30 May 2021.

## 2021 FXHIBITION DATES

Art Gallery of New South Wales 4 February - 26 April

Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre 13 February - 5 April

Maitland Regional Art Gallery 27 February - 30 May

The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park 2 March - 25 April

New England Regional Art Museum 9 April - 6 June

Cowra Regional Art Gallery
19 June - 1 August

Margaret Whitlam Galleries at Western Sydney University 7 July - 18 September

Tamworth Regional Gallery 31 July - 3 October

**Grafton Regional Gallery** 6 August - 3 October

**Virtual Exhibition**April 2021



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