



ADAM PORTRAITURE AWARD 2020 | FAQ

What is the Adam Portraiture Award?

The Adam Portraiture Award is a biennial portrait award for painted portraits hosted and administered by The New Zealand Portrait Gallery. It has been running since 2002 and is one of the country's longest running art prizes. The Award culminates in The Adam Portraiture Award exhibition in which all the finalists and the winners are shown at the New Zealand Portrait Gallery. The Adam Portraiture Award 2020 exhibition runs from 28 February – 31 May 2020.

Who has won in the past?

Previous winners include Logan Moffat in 2018, André Brönnimann in 2016, Henry Christian-Slane in 2014, Stephen Martyn Welch in 2012, Harriet Bright in 2010, Irene Ferguson in 2008 and Freeman White in 2006.

Who is the Judge?

Each year we invite a special international judge to choose both the finalists and the winners of the Adam Portraiture Award. This year we have also invited a New Zealand judge who will bring local knowledge and context. The Judges for 2020 Adam Portraiture Award are Karen Quinlan, Director National Portrait Gallery of Australia and Lara Strongman, Chief Curator Christchurch Art Gallery.

What are the prizes?

First prize - \$20,000

Runner up - \$2,500

People's Choice - \$2,500 (awarded at the end of the Adam Award exhibition)

How do I enter?

This year, we will only be accepting online entries.

The entry form can be found on the New Zealand Portrait Gallery website – nzportraitgallery.org.nz

Please note that you will be judged for selection phase solely on the photographic image submitted with your entry form. Images must be at least 1MB in size.

How much does it cost to enter?

There is a \$50 non-refundable fee to enter. This fee goes towards the cost of administering the award.

What are the main conditions of the Award?

- Artist must be a NZ resident or citizen
- Subject(s) must be a NZ resident or citizen
- Painted portraits only e.g. watercolour, acrylic, oil.
- Subject(s) or next of kin's permission to be painted must be obtained
- Portraits must have been completed in the last 2 years.

Is there a size restriction?

There is no size restriction for the portraits entered in the competition. Larger works, or complex shapes may not be toured.

What are the important dates I need to be aware of?

May: Entries open

4pm, 6 December 2019: Entries close

27 January 2020: Finalist selection completed & finalists notified

11 February 2020: Finalist Portraits Courier Delivery

17 February 2020: Finalist Portraits Hand Delivery

24 February 2020: Judging commences

26 February 2020: Winners announced

27 February – 31 May 2020: Exhibition runs

When do I send in my portrait?

The initial selection process is done using the digital image submitted with your entry. Award finalists will be notified when to send in their physical portraits for final judging and the Adam Portraiture Award exhibition.

When does the exhibition open?

The Adam Portraiture Award exhibition runs from the 27 February – 31 May 2020. The gallery is open from 10.30 – 4.30 every day except Good Friday.

What happens during the judging?

The initial selection is completed in the judge's home country. The digital image submitted by each artist is sent to the judge. The judge uses these digital images (with no knowledge of the subject, artist, etc) to decide the finalists (usually between 45 – 55 works).

The shortlisted works are physically sent to the New Zealand Portrait Gallery to be hung for the final judging and exhibition. The judge takes several days before the opening to decide on the winners, which are announced at the opening night celebrations.

The People's Choice award is chosen by visitor votes and is announced at the close of the exhibition at The New Zealand Portrait Gallery.

Who sponsors the Award?

The Adam Foundation (Denis and Verna Adam) have sponsored the Award since inception in 2002.

Are the portraits for sale?

Many of the portraits are for sale. It is up to the individual artist to decide whether they would like to sell their work. The New Zealand Portrait Gallery takes a 30% commission for handling the sales of the work.

This year you haven't asked for a short bio, how do I submit one?

This year, we only require artist biographies from artists who are finalists. Finalists will be contacted by the 27 January and asked for their biographies.

Will the exhibition tour?

Yes. A selection from the Adam Portraiture Award exhibition tours multiple venues in the North and South Island. Artists will be notified if their work has been selected to tour around March/April 2020.

If you have any more questions you can contact the gallery –

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