

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

PRIZES

Open Award: \$1,000

Sponsored by the Smith Family

Highly Commended Award: \$750

Sponsored by Tommy's Real Estate Mana

Jane Hyder Painting Prize: \$750

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Creativity and Promise Scholarship Award:

A NZ Diploma in Creativity (Level 5 or 6) course plus *Go! the Art of Change* by Jonathan Milne, all valued at over \$7,000. Sponsored by The Learning Connexion

First Time Entrant Award: \$500

Sponsored by Leina Isno

Viewers' Choice Award: \$500

Sponsored by Friends of Pātaka

ELIGIBLE WORK

Any original work not previously exhibited, in any medium completed in the 24 months before applying by any artist living, working or studying in Porirua. One artwork per artist.

If the work is one of a multiple run, as in a photographic or other kind of print, then the number of prints must be specified 3/30 (eg. number 3 of 30 prints in the run).

All artworks must be available for sale. Work selected for the Awards must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition.

SELECTION PROCESS

Because of the increasing popularity of the awards and space requirements, the number of works for Art Awards 2026 is limited to 60. Therefore applications are subject to an anonymous selection process.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form at friendsofpataka.org.nz/art-awards-registration

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$10 for students, \$30 for all others and is expected at the time of application. If your artwork is not selected no refunds will be given.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

When applying, you are asked to complete an Artist Statement of up to 100 words about you and your artwork. The Artist Statement is one element of the selection process and they will be collated in a folder in the gallery for visitors to read. For examples, see friendsofpataka.org.nz/how-to-apply

PHOTOS OF YOUR WORK

The application requires the attachment of two high quality images of your artwork: one of the whole work,

and one that shows a detail or technique you wish to highlight, or for a 3D artwork, another angle. These will be used in selection of artworks for the Awards. To ensure anonymity, it is vital to name the images as '(title-of-artwork)-1' and '(title-of-artwork)-2'. We will not display any work that is significantly different from the images provided.

PRESENTATION

Selected artworks must be delivered in a way that facilitates straightforward presentation with appropriate display or hanging devices (see friendsofpataka.org.nz/how-to-apply), and in protective wrappings, with supplied label attached, suitable for delivery to Pātaka and rewrapping after the exhibition. No wet artworks or works that may emit offensive odours will be accepted. Any other concerns we may have as to safety, security, size or exhibition issues will be discussed with the artist and the artwork may be withdrawn.

COPYRIGHT/IMAGES/INSURANCE

While we will endeavour to protect copyright, work is submitted at the artist's own risk.

Pātaka does not insure items exhibited in the Bottle Creek Gallery. Exhibitors requiring insurance should make their own arrangements.

Any work received into the exhibition may be used for promotional purposes by the Friends of Pātaka.

IMPORTANT NOTES

The decisions of the selectors/judges are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

A 35% commission is charged for all sales of artworks.

KEY DATES

8 May 2026: Online application opens

25 July, midnight: Online application closes

1 August: All applicants will be informed by email of the selector's decision

14-15 August: Selected artworks to be dropped off to Pātaka Reception between 11.30am and 4pm

21 August: Exhibition opening /Awards announced

22 August-18 October: Exhibition open

18 October, 2pm: Viewers' Choice Award announced

19-20 October, 1-4pm: Collection of artworks from Pātaka Reception. Artworks MUST be collected on these days, as there is no room to store works at Pātaka.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

Detailed instructions, advice and tips can be found at friendsofpataka.org.nz/how-to-apply. For any other queries, email patakafriendsartawards@gmail.com.