THE INAUGURAL NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL

In 2023 the NAS Library is pleased to be launching the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL** exhibition and award. All currently enrolled students may submit one work for consideration, and all shortlisted entries will be included in an exhibition of works in the Library Stairwell Gallery coinciding with the 2023 BFA Graduate Exhibition.

Students who are graduating in 2023 from an undergraduate or postgraduate programme are also eligible to be considered for an acquisitive award. The winner of the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL AWARD** (BFA Category) will receive a cash prize of $500 and a 5-year membership to the NAS Library after graduation. The winner of the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL AWARD** (MFA Category) will receive a cash prize of $750 and a 5-year membership to the NAS Library after graduation.

Key Dates

8 Sept 2023   — entries open
8 Oct 2023   — entries close at 5.00pm
24 Oct 2023   — shortlisted entrants notified by email
30 Oct - 3 Nov — delivery of shortlisted artworks to NAS library during library opening hours
9 Nov 2023   — exhibition opening 6 – 8pm
30 Nov 2023   — BFA Grad Show opening & announcement of Artists' Book Award
30 Nov 2023   — announcement of awards @ BFA Grad Show
30 Jan 2024   — exhibition close
5- 9 Feb 2024 — artworks that are not acquired to be collected during library opening hours

Artist books

For the purposes of the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL,** an artists' book is an artwork that uses the form or function of the book as its creative medium. In an artists' book, the content of the work is often not limited to text and/or image—which may or may not be present—but is articulated in every aspect of the work, such as its structure, materials, and visual/experiential aspects.

Judges

The Judging panel for the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL** will be comprised of NAS Library staff, NAS teaching staff and noted Artists' Books scholar and collector Monica Oppen.

HOW TO ENTER

Read the Terms & Conditions
Complete the entry form online, linked on the NAS Library home page at
www.nas.edu.au/library

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Eligibility

The inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL** is open to all current, enrolled students at NAS in the BFA and MFA programmes.

Students who are not graduating in 2023 may have their work considered for the exhibition but are not eligible for a prize in 2023 (see further information on awards below).

Artwork

Entrants may submit images of one artists book work. Works submitted must be the original work of the student/candidate and completed at any time during their enrolment in their current programme. There is no theme for the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL.**

Entry form and images

Applications can be made by completing the online entry form including up to 3 images of the work. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on the 8th October 2023.

JPG Images should be less than 10MB. One image should show the work in its entirety, and an additional 1 or 2 images showing details of the work can be provided. JPG files should be named as follows: **SURNAME_FIRSTNAME_TITLE_IMAGE1.JPG**

Shortlisting

All entries received by the closing date and time will be reviewed by the judging panel, and a shortlist of works will be made. The shortlist determined by the judging panel will be final.

All entrants will be contacted via email by the 24th of October and advised if their entry has been shortlisted. All short-listed works will be eligible to be displayed in the exhibition provided the deadlines and criteria are met as outlined in these Terms and Conditions.

Delivery of shortlisted works

Shortlisted entrants are responsible for delivering their work to the NAS Library between 30 Oct – 3 Nov during library opening hours. The work delivered must be the same as the image supplied with the entry. Shortlisted works should be accompanied by a label or sheet which includes the artists' name and title of work.

Any instructions regarding recommendations for the display of the work can also be provided. The exhibition team will do their best to respect these recommendations, within the constraints of the exhibition context.

All works must be ready for display when delivered to the Library Stairwell Gallery. Wall-mounted or free-standing works must be suitably prepared for installation/hanging (i.e. fixtures, instructions etc. included).

All works shortlisted must be available for display for the duration of the inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL** exhibition from 9 November 2023 to 30 January 2024.

Judging & Awards

The judging panel will review the exhibition of shortlisted works and nominate the following two awards:

The inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL AWARD (BFA Category)** This award is open to students graduating from the BFA in 2023. This is an acquisitive award. The winner will receive a cash prize of $500 and a 5-year membership to the NAS Library.

The inaugural **NAS LIBRARY ARTISTS' BOOK ANNUAL AWARD (MFA Category).** This award is open to students graduating from the MFA in 2023. This is an acquisitive award. The winner will receive a cash prize of $750 and a 5-year membership to the NAS Library
The works selected for these awards will be acquired by the NAS Library collection.

Collection of Artwork

Any exhibited artwork that is not nominated for an award must be collected between 5 February and 9 February 2024 during library opening hours.

Uncollected work will be kept for a period of 6 weeks after exhibition close, and may be disposed after this date if you have not contacted the NAS Library to make arrangements for collection.

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