

# bentART Conditions of Entry 2021

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## Who can enter

bentART is focused on encouraging, promoting and supporting the visual art of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTQI+) people of Australia.

The sexual orientation of LGBTQI+ artists naturally informs and influences their perspective and vision. It is this orientation and view of the world that is encouraged by bentART. All art works are judged on their artistic merit.

We are also keen to increase awareness of the work of LGBTQI+ artists amongst the broader community and welcome the support of non-LGBTQI+ people through joining as a member, volunteering or sponsorship.

## Conditions of Entry 2021

Applications to exhibit are open to LGBTQI+ people living in Australia over the age of 18 years, who are financial members of bentART, and who enter work that has been completed in the past two years and ***has not been entered into a previous bentART exhibition.*** *Members may submit two individual pieces of work in the Open Category plus one entry in Smartphone-ography Category and one entry in the Design a Mask Category.*

### 1. Acceptable Genres

The 2021 exhibition will be an online virtual exhibition. All entries will be submitted by way of a digital file (photograph) of the artwork. Due to COVID restrictions there will be no physical exhibition.

Painting, photography, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, textile, fibre art and digital art etc.

### 2. Membership

Are you a member? If not stop here and become one. Apply online at [Membership Form](#) (please note – if you do not know anyone from the bentART Committee to nominate you for membership, complete the form and forward an email to <mailto:presidentbentart@gmail.com> and the membership application will be presented to the Committee for consideration).

### 3. Entry Image File Specifications

- Images must be in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format
- Images should be about 1900 pixels on the longest edge.
- Individual images must be no larger than 5MB.
- Please do not include watermarks or another branding on your images.
- Image file names should not include a SPACE or unusual characters, e.g., ©, @, #, \$, & \*, etc. These characters and or spaces included in the file name have caused problems with images uploading to the website in the past. If you find that one or more of your images has not uploaded correctly, please check the file format and try again

### 4. Ready for Exhibiting

All works must be completed ready for entry into the exhibition. This is very important. If your work is photographed incomplete then it **will not be accepted**.

“Ready for exhibiting” means the following – paintings, photographs, printmaking or drawing and any other media must be photographed and attached to the entry form in the format described in section 4 above at time of entry.

### 5. Sale of artworks

All sales of artwork are the sole responsibility of the artist. bentART will not be selling artworks on behalf of artist.

Anyone wishing to purchase works from the 2021 virtual exhibition may contact bentART who will pass on the details to the artist.

Postage, handling and insurance of sold artworks is the responsibility of the artist.

### 6. Curating

Independent professionals will curate the exhibition. bentART reserves the right to select pieces for the exhibition and the curators’ decision will be final, no discussion or correspondence will be entered into regarding selection of works. Due to limitations of the number of artworks that can be successfully displayed in the virtual gallery, not all entries may be able to be displayed. In this event, curators will attempt to ensure that all artists have at least one entry shown. Entry one in the Open Category will be considered your preference on the official entry form. If the curators believe a work has been entered into an incorrect category, their decision as to what is the correct category is final.

***Unless the Committee contacts you to advise that your work has not been accepted, you may assume it has been.***

## 7. **Nudity/Sexual Content**

If your artwork has nudity or sexual content, please indicate on the entry form. This is a requirement of the virtual gallery as images will be public and available worldwide.

## 8. **Size of artworks**

Please ensure you enter the physical size of your artwork - Width x Height in centimetres in the relevant section of the entry form. This will ensure the artwork is sized correctly in the virtual gallery and will assist anyone wishing to purchase the work.

## 9. **Categories 2021 Exhibition**

Open  
Pets & Wildlife Smartphone-ography  
COVID Mask Design

## 10. **Awards**

Overall bentART Exhibition Award  
Overall bentART Exhibition Runner Up Award  
Highly Commended Awards  
New Entrant Award  
Pets & Wildlife Smartphone-ography Award  
Design a COVID Mask Award

All prizes will be announced on Opening Night (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

## 11. **Additional prizes**

Additional prizes may be judged and awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

## 12. **Promotional activities by bentART**

bentART reserves the right to conduct promotional activities involving media coverage as well as display of photographs of artworks on the official bentART website (<http://bentart.com.au>) and related marketing material. All entrants must consent to the bentART Media Policy <http://bentart.com.au/bentart-media-policy/>

### 13. Entry fee / Number of Works

A non-refundable entry fee:

- Open Category \$35.00 per work with a ***maximum of two entries*** per artist.
- Pets & Wildlife Smartphone-ography \$15.00 one entry per artist.
- Design a COVID Mask \$15.00 one entry per artist.

### 14. Entry Form and Payment

Entry form to be completed online via the bentART website. Entries Open March 8, 2021 and Close April 30, 2021 . Payment is required at time of entry via PayPal or Credit Card and is a part of the entry process.

### 15. Hours of Exhibition

Opening – Friday, June 11 2021

The Virtual Gallery will be available 24 x 7 from June 11 until June 30

### 16. Questions

Any general questions regarding conditions of entry please email <mailto:presidentbentart@gmail.com> or phone Sue Lightfoot on 0429 400 392.

#### **REMEMBER:**

- To enter the bentART Exhibition you must be a member. Click here for membership details. [Membership Form here](#)
- You must read and fully understand the bentART Media Policy. [Media Policy](#)  
[Copyright Info here](#)
- You must agree and comply with the Conditions of entry.