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### ***New fellowship for South Australian visual artists shines a spotlight on mid-career artists***

Prominent South Australian benefactors, the James & Diana Ramsay Foundation, are making a commitment to support mid-career artists through the new Guildhouse Fellowship.

The Guildhouse Fellowship offers a transformative opportunity for one mid-career South Australian visual artist, craftsperson or designer each year, by providing \$35,000 to support research, international travel and the creation of new work. Delivered in partnership with the Art Gallery of South Australia, the opportunity will include a presentation outcome at the Gallery.

The establishment of this fellowship acknowledges the expanse of artistic talent in South Australia.

Since the 1960s, South Australia has been heralded as a leader in the arts and cultural industries, championing the establishment of key festivals and arts organisations.



Guildhouse Chief Executive Emma Fey says, “Our artists are some of our greatest cultural ambassadors, and are profiled all over the world.”

Transitioning from an emerging artist into a successful established artist requires determined research, experimentation and training throughout the mid-career years.

Ms Fey adds, “A fellowship at this career stage provides an artist with not only the financial means to dedicate to their practice, but the intellectual space to commit to their development and professional sustainability.”

The Guildhouse Fellowship is specifically for artists who have moved beyond the early years of their practice; they have a distinct artistic expression, but need an expansive opportunity to explore, research and create.

Whilst the fellowship will have a significant impact on the artistic careers of the successful recipients, the benefits will be felt more broadly. Our artists’ national and international success make a significant contribution to the local and cultural economy. According to Deloitte’s *Make it big Adelaide* report released in May 2017, arts and recreation services contributed \$853 million to the South Australian economy in the previous year.

“Adelaide provides an exceptional training ground for early career artists, and this fellowship provides the next step for them. Opportunities of this calibre build a culture of excellence and offer an important move towards expanding horizons for both artists and their audiences,” says Art Gallery of South Australia Director Rhana Devenport.

Executive Director of the James & Diana Ramsay Foundation, Kerry de Lorme says, “We are pleased to reward artistic ambition and invest in artists so that they might have the space, time and conditions to create new work. We are thrilled to support the Guildhouse Fellowship.”

The James & Diana Ramsay Foundation supports a number of significant arts initiatives including the national Ramsay Art Prize, youth programs at the Art Gallery of South Australia, the Helpmann Academy, Patch Theatre and Restless Dance Theatre.

Guildhouse is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to championing artists and diverse artistic practice in South Australia.

Guildhouse is calling for expressions of interest for the inaugural Fellowship from South Australian artists. For more details, please visit [www.guildhouse.org.au](http://www.guildhouse.org.au)

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