

## **2007 Adelaide Bank Award Winner Announced**

**South Australia's top award for an arts graduate was announced on Friday 18 May at the Helpmann Academy's annual Maestros & Apprentices Fundraising Dinner.**

Bachelor of Visual Art (Honours) graduate Deborah Prior was presented with the 2007 Adelaide Bank Award, worth \$5,000.

Deborah is a particularly outstanding graduate from Adelaide Central School of Art and received a High Distinction for her degree. She was awarded three scholarships to study at the school and earlier this year was the recipient of the Ruth Tuck Visual Arts Scholarship. Deborah left Adelaide yesterday to take up the scholarship for three months study at The Slade School of Fine Art in London.

Through its sponsorship of the annual Adelaide Bank Award, Adelaide Bank aims to provide meaningful support for talented South Australians seeking a career in the arts.

"Deborah is a unique, diverse and talented artist who has shown great commitment to the local artistic community. Adelaide Bank is pleased to recognise Deborah's dedication to produce such insightful work – and to see the rewards emerging for her," said Anthony Baum, Chief General Manager of Wealth at Adelaide Bank.

The Adelaide Bank Award was chosen from seven outstanding 2006 arts graduates, from each of South Australia's major arts institutions: Adelaide Centre for the ARTS, Adelaide Central School of Art, Elder Conservatorium of Music, Flinders Drama and Screen Centres, South Australian School of Art and Vizarts, O'Halloran Hill.

*This year's highly successful and entertaining Maestros & Apprentices Fundraising Dinner raised \$100,000 for emerging artists from the Helpmann Academy's visual and performing art partner schools. These funds provide significant benefits to students and recent graduates by assisting with arts projects, facilitating visiting artists, mentorships and creating performance and exhibition opportunities.*

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