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artEast 2007 Maras Group Critic's Award Winner

The winner of the \$1,000 Maras Group Critic's Award was announced at the launch of artEast at the Bunka, The Austral on Thursday 4 October.

Emerging artist Talia Wignall was presented with the Critic's Award by Steve Maras of the Maras Group for her expressive paintings which are currently on display at Jah'z Lounge in Cinema Place off Rundle Street.

Tony Bond of AP Bond Art Gallery judged the award and said of Talia's work, "Talia's mixed media works hit a place with me. Her use of spatial void, sparing but well constructed imagery and just the right amount of emotion and colour made me choose her as the winner."

artEast brings together art and commerce in artwork displays in cafes, restaurants and popular retail outlets in the city's busy East End.

The vibrant collection of original artworks by dynamic emerging South Australian artists are on display at The Austral Hotel, Chocolate Bean, Cocolat, Eckersleys, Jah'z Lounge, Rhino Room, Silver Shop and Tandanya until 2 November 2007.

Exhibiting artists include: Anna Austin, Katrina Axford, Perea Gilbert, Alice Potter, Joanna Poulson, Ricky-Jai Revilla, Yhonnie Scarce, Peter Sharrock, Jennifer Taylor, Scott A. Taylor and Talia Wignall.

Works on display include painting, glass, jewellery, printmaking, sculpture and photography.

A self-guided walking tour is available from the participating venues throughout the East End and online www.helpmann.sa.edu.au/events.html

On Tuesday 16 October selected venues will host a progressive dinner. Participants can enjoy a four-course dinner at four different venues with chef specialties and selected wine pairings, while viewing artworks and meeting the artists and being entertained by live performers from the Helpmann Academy's partner schools. Venues include Chocolate Bean, The Austral, Jah'z and Cocolat.

For more information on the progressive dinner or to book your tickets for the event contact the Helpmann Academy on (08) 8463 5013.

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