



Artist Shannon Lyons Wins A1 Darebin Art Salon

Artist Shannon Lyons has been announced as the winner of the A1 Darebin Art Salon. Lyons, who lives and works in Darebin, was announced as the first prize winner out of an impressive 136 entries at the exhibition opening on Saturday 11 August.

The Salon is a community exhibition, where artists who live, work or study in the City of Darebin were invited to submit a wall-based work to be exhibited at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre. Displayed throughout every room of the Homestead, the guiding principle uniting the exhibition is that all works are A1 size or smaller.

Judges, artist Shannon Smiley and Senior Curator at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Claire Watson said:

This year's A1 Darebin Art Salon is yet another incredible outpouring of creative expression from the community and there were many outstanding works for consideration for the award. We selected the highly conceptual and visually alluring work 'Notice (Where the winner goes)' by Shannon Lyons as the winner of this year's A1 Darebin Art Salon. It is a subversive interrogation of the mechanics of art galleries and prizes and speaks in a playful manner to the canon of Minimalism.

Lyons will now have the opportunity to hold a solo exhibition at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre in 2019. She has stated:

I'm thrilled that my work, 'Notice (Where the winner goes)', has been awarded first prize in the A1 Darebin Art Salon this year. I'd like to thank the judges, Claire Watson and Shannon Smiley, and congratulate all of the exhibiting artists. It's wonderful to live and work within such a creative community. I'm really looking forward to presenting new work at the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre in 2019. In my broader art practice, I focus on making site-specific artworks that take the form of installations and gestures. New work emerges from time spent visiting a site, or a particular place. For my solo exhibition at the Homestead, I imagine that I might make artworks in direct response to things I find intriguing about the building and its associated social and institutional histories. I'm really excited to get to work!

The Darebin Art Salon will be on exhibition until 16 September. Visitors have until the closing date to submit a vote for People's Choice Award.

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre is the public art gallery for the City of Darebin and is committed to presenting challenging and inspiring contemporary visual arts exhibitions and public programs. The Homestead was built in 1900 and is registered by Heritage Victoria and certified by the National Trust.



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L: Winning work of the 2018 A1 Darebin Art Salon by Shannon Lyons: *Notice (Where the winner goes)* 2016 MDF, pine, synthetic polymer paint, plastic screw covers

R: Homestead board member Lyndel Wischer, artist Shannon Lyons, Cr. Susanne Newton, artist Shannon Smiley, and Senior Curator Claire Watson.