***Paint Out* 2021 – General Information and FAQ’s**

Gasworks Arts Park is thrilled to be able to present *Paint Out* 2021.

This is an *En Plein Air* event for professional & amateur artists, arty people and nature lovers. *En Plein Air* is a French expression that means ‘in the open air’ and is most often used to reference the act of painting and sketching outdoors with the artist’s subject in full view.

***Paint, draw or sketch anywhere over our four hectares of beautiful parklands at Gasworks. Choose a site in the park that inspires you and create an artwork of what you see and feel.***

This year’s event will be run differently to ensure social distancing while providing creative opportunities in the fresh air, and prizes!

There will be eight sessions run over three hours each on the following two weekends:

**Saturday and Sunday, 27 & 28 November**

**Saturday and Sunday, 4 & 5 December**

At the end of each *Paint Out* session the completed artworks will be hung in the Foyer Gallery until January 9, so visitors can come and enjoy the art.

The exhibition will also be hosted online via the Gasworks website.

All artworks in the exhibition will be eligible to win one of four $1000 prizes; tailored to give amateur artists as well as professionals a fair chance of winning one of them.

**Some of the wellbeing outcomes of participating in *Paint Out* 2021 include:**

1. **A welcome change from being confined to home after months of being locked in. (Thank you to everyone for your amazing patience and community support!)**
2. **Reconnecting with nature.**
3. **A fun way to ‘exercise’ the body and the brain as you find your perfect spot within the park.**
4. **Communicating with those creating around you with plenty of room to feel safe.**
5. **Forgetting the hardships endured to focus on creating and being in the moment.**
6. **A vitamin D infusion to aid the immune system.**
7. **The opportunity to have fun in a supportive environment where perfectionism and competitiveness are negated.**

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Where is Gasworks Arts Park?**

<https://gasworks.org.au/visit-us>

**Session Days and Times: each session runs for exactly 3 hours**

Saturday, November 27: Session One runs from 10am – 1pm

Saturday, November 27: Session Two runs from 1.30 – 4.30pm

Sunday, November 28: Session One runs from 10am – 1pm

Sunday, November 28: Session Two runs from 1.30 – 4.30pm

Saturday, December 4: Session One runs from 10am – 1pm

Saturday, December 4: Session Two runs from 1.30 – 4.30pm

Sunday, December 5: Session One runs from 10am – 1pm

Sunday, December 5: Session Two runs from 1.30 – 4.30pm

You must book your session by buying a ticket from the Gasworks website.

Each session ticket is $20 and there are 20 places per session, or the maximum outdoor gathering limit allowed by the state government, whichever number is lower.

[TICKETS](https://sa2.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/EventSearch?presenter=AUGAP&event=a54681c) are available from the Gasworks website from Monday, October 18.

**Arrival Time:** We recommend that you find your spot before the siren sounds to commence. There will be an information desk open half an hour before each session, outside the café.

**Tickets** can be purchased from this desk, but it is preferable to pre-book so you don’t miss out on a spot. There are only 20 places available per session or the maximum outdoor gathering limit allowed by the state government, whichever number is lower.

**Your artwork** must be taken to the Foyer Terrace for installation at the end of each session. **Please note** that your artwork must be exhibited in the Foyer Gallery until at least December 12, and online, to be eligible to win one of four prizes worth $1000 each:

1. Best Representational Painting or Drawing of the Park (Professional Section)
2. Best Representational Painting or Drawing of the Park (Amateur Section)
3. Best Abstract/Interpretive Painting or Drawing (Professional Section)
4. Best Abstract/Interpretive Painting or Drawing (Amateur Section)

**FAQ’S - *Paint Out* 2021**

**Is there a cost to participate?**

**Yes.** There is a $20 ticket fee per session, and these must be purchased online before the event. There are 20 places per session or the maximum outdoor gathering limit allowed by the state government, whichever number is lower.

Participants must nominate their status as ‘Professional Artist’ or ‘Amateur Artist’ at time of booking. Please note that our definition of an ‘Amateur Artist’ is one who has NEVER sold their artwork through a gallery or agent. Please ask the Curator if you are unsure of your status.

**When are the *Paint Out* session days and times?**

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Sunday, December 5: Session Two runs from 1.30 – 4.30pm

**KICK OFF** for each 3 hour session will be announced by the blast of a loudspeaker, with finish time announced with another blast of the siren. You must not commence any work until the beginning of the session.

**What if it rains?**

The painting days go ahead if there is wet weather, so dress for the outdoors.

**What do you need to bring?**

Participants must bring their own materials such as paint, pen, ink, canvas, paper etc; drying medium and nontoxic brush cleaners.

**What is the maximum size for artworks?**

The maximum size for artworks is 40cm x 50 cm or 16” x 20”. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and please wear a hat. Easels and stools must also be brought by participants.

Please be aware that tent pegs are **NOT** allowed to be used to stabilise your easel.

**Are any other forms of art eligible to enter?**

3D pieces and other art forms such as collage, printing or photography are not eligible for this event due to the Event Permit issued by the City of Port Phillip.

**Where in the Park can you situate yourself, and does the Park have mobility access?**

You can choose to situate yourself anywhere you want within the park. Gasworks Arts Park has a gravel walking track on the perimeter of the park that is suitable for people with limited mobility. There are accessible toilets located in the park and the main building.

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**How do I enter?**

Register by buying a ticket from the Gasworks website to your preferred session.

You can buy tickets here [TICKETS](https://sa2.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/EventSearch?presenter=AUGAP&event=a54681c) from Monday, October 18.

There will be an information desk open half an hour before each session outside the café.

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**When will my painting be hung in the exhibition?**

The artists must deliver their artworks directly to the Foyer Terrace at the conclusion of each session, where they will be installed by Gasworks staff. You must bring your session ticket with the completed artwork. There will be exhibition tags that list the artists’ name and their professional or amateur status.

**Can the same artist hang more than one artwork if they have produced it on the day?**

**No**, it is one artwork per session. Artists can be in as many sessions as they like but cannot work on the same artwork as a new work must be produced during each session.

Each artist can only have a maximum of two artworks in the exhibition, so pick your favourites if you are participating in more than one *Paint Out* session.

**How will my artwork be installed in the gallery?**

We hang artwork using hooks from our picture rails. Due to the heritage nature of the walls pinning or sticking artworks is not possible. Works must be ready to hang immediately after the conclusion of each session. A central D ring will suffice. A bulldog clip is an easy solution for works on paper. Self-adhesive D-Rings may be suitable for canvas board or canvas panels. Please test the strength of your hanging mechanism before the *Paint Out* days. Canvasses must be wired for hanging.

**How long is the exhibition on for?**

At the end of each *Paint Out* session the completed artworks will be hung in the Foyer Gallery until January 9 so visitors can come and enjoy the art. The exhibition will also be hosted online via the Gasworks website.

**Can I sell my artwork in the exhibition?**

**Yes**. Artists can make their artworks available for sale, but there will be a ceiling price point of $250 for paintings and $150 for drawings. There will be 25% commission, Inc GST, on each sale. If the preference is not to make an artwork available for sale, the work will be tagged NFS (Not for Sale) but must be displayed in the exhibition until Sunday, December 12to be considered for a prize.

**When will the prizes be judged and awarded:**

Judging will be done on Monday, December 6 and the winners will be notified on Tuesday, December 7 before the results are posted on the Gasworks website.

**Collection of artworks after the exhibition:**

Artworks can be collected between 1pm – 4pm on:

Monday, December 13 - Tuesday, December 14 - Wednesday, December 16 or you can leave your work on display for visitors to enjoy until Monday, January 9 and collect after that.