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ART GALLERY CELEBRATES TALENTED LOCAL YOUTH

Papakura Art Gallery is hosting the first Papakura Youth Art Awards.

The awards take the form of an exhibition and competition showcasing the artistic talent of Papakura's youth. Gallery Manger Emma Millynn says the intention is to support and encourage young artists.

“We put out a call for art work of all kinds from young people aged between 16 and 21. That has brought in a fantastic range of work in a wide variety of mediums including drawing, painting, photography and design.”

The competition was free to enter and more than 40 entries have been submitted for the exhibition, which opens on May 2 and runs until the end of the month.

Judging the awards will be Manukau School of Visual Art tutor and established artist Deborah Crowe. The awards night will be held at the Gallery on Thursday May 7 from 5.00 pm.

“This exhibition opens on May 2 and offers a great opportunity for youth to connect with other artist of similar age and to show what they are capable of. I hope the people of Papakura will support our local rangatahi, come along to the exhibition and attend the awards ceremony.”

The Papakura Youth Visual Art Competition and exhibition runs alongside other events organised by Papakura Youth Expo which runs through the month of May. The expo focuses on building community cohesion, raising the hopes of youth and celebrating youth expression in Papakura.

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