



# Media release

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## Competition heats up for youth art award

Entries for the Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists close at 5pm on Friday 2 May. With just over a week remaining, young artists across Western Australia are putting the finishing touches on their artwork in time for the closing date.

Students aged five to eighteen years old are invited to submit an original two-dimensional piece for the prestigious art award. Submissions can include drawings, paintings, digital or mixed media works, and will be judged on originality, concept, technique and choice of materials used.

The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists, now in its twelfth year, is coordinated by the City of Subiaco and aims to encourage imagination and innovation among young people.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said she was pleased that lots of high quality entries have already been submitted for this year's award.

"We have so much creative talent here in Western Australia and this award is a chance to acknowledge the outstanding work of some of these gifted young artists."

She added: "There is still plenty of time for young people to get their entries in before the closing date. I would encourage anyone considering entering to simply have a go – the award is an excellent opportunity for students to harness their creativity and develop their artistic skills."

Patron of the award Shaun Tan began drawing and painting at a young age himself, and is a big supporter of providing opportunities for young people to explore their creative talent.

Young artists seeking inspiration for their artwork can see two of Shaun Tan's own murals *The Tea Party* and *The 100 Year Picnic*, on permanent display at Subiaco Library.

Submission details and entry forms are available from the Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, or online at [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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