

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **The Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) wishes to announce: The 2011 CAPO Award Round Now Open Closing 21 October 2011**

The Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2011 round of awards. CAPO is a volunteer non-profit organisation that has supported the ACT region's artists for 28 years. Since establishment in 1983, CAPO has disbursed over 1.7 million dollars as arts fellowships and awards with support from the Canberra arts and business communities.

Award applications are invited from artists and arts organisations from Canberra and the region. CAPO awards support all art forms and mediums. Past award winners include performing artists and companies, visual artists and arts organisations, contemporary craft artists, designer makers, filmmakers, new media artists and writers.

CAPO seeks to foster the highest standards of excellence in the arts whether the individual or organisation seeking support is of professional or amateur standing. Innovative endeavours that contribute to cultural development in Canberra are encouraged. Awards will be made to fund those needs in the region, which will have the most significant cultural impact in the local community.

This year's CAPO award categories are

- CAPO Fellowship
- Singapore Airlines Award
- Rosalie Gascoigne Memorial Award
- The Reading Room CAPO London Exhibition Award
- National Press Club Emerging Artist Award
- The Capital Insurance Brokers Award
- Eckersley's Material Award
- Sage Legal Services Award
- DMV Consulting Award
- Workplace Research Associates Award

The Rosalie Gascoigne Memorial Award is partly sponsored by Community CPS Credit Union. Applicants should note that CAPO Awards awarded in 2011 will depend on available funds. CAPO's fundraising art auction will be held on 26 November 2011 at the National Archives of Australia.

The 2011 award round is now open and applications must be received by close of business Friday 21 October. For application forms, guidelines and more information about CAPO awards go the CAPO AWARD APPLICATIONS menu at [www.capo.org.au](http://www.capo.org.au) or phone Marilyn Gray at the CAPO office on 02 6249 7860 for further information.

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