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**The Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) wishes to announce:
Reading Room CAPO London Exhibition Award
Now open – applications close 21 October 2011**

The Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO) and Reading Room are pleased to announce the continuation of this award as part of the 2011 round of CAPO awards.

The Reading Room CAPO London Exhibition Award will give an emerging Australian artist the opportunity to stage an exhibition in London. The award includes travel and accommodation for the artist as well as a 6-week exhibition in a gallery space at The Reading Room's UK headquarters in Soho. The award also covers catering for the exhibition opening and documentation on The Reading Room's website.

Grant applications for the Reading Room CAPO London Exhibition Award are invited from emerging artists from anywhere in Australia. Intending applicants should note the gallery space dimensions outlined under Grant Applications on the CAPO website.

Previous – and current – exhibitors at Reading Room's Gallery can be viewed at www.readingroom.com/gallery/. Antonia Aitken, the 2010 winner of this award, exhibited her work in London in April - June, 2011, and her work can also be viewed at the website above.

Other CAPO grant categories in 2011 are

- CAPO Fellowship
- Singapore Airlines Award
- Rosalie Gascoigne Memorial Award (partly sponsored by Community CPS Credit Union)
- National Press Club Award
- The Capital Insurance Brokers Award
- Eckersley's Material Award
- Sage Legal Services Award
- DMV Consulting Award
- Workplace Research Associates Award

The Award winner will be announced at CAPO 28 – CAPO's fundraising art auction – which 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 this and other CAPO awards go the Award Applications menu at www.capo.org.au or phone Marilyn Gray at the CAPO office on 02 6249 7860 for further information.

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About the Capital Arts Patrons Organisation (CAPO): 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. www.capo.org.au

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