

Weaving the Magic

Celebrating **TWENTY ONE YEARS** of the Alice Springs Beanie Festival

In 2017 we invite you to enter into the forests of the imagination with us. The world is in need of a dose of magic, so dream up the fantastical, and bewitch us with your beanies. Show us a world where things are not always as they seem!

Beanie Competition and Exhibition: Gallery Two, Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs

Opening: Friday 23 June 2017 at 7pm. Then open daily until Sunday July 17th 2017

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Beanies and entries must be RECEIVED before Friday May 26th 2017. LATE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED COD.

Categories

1 Magical Worlds Prize

For a beanie incorporating a magical creature, person or place. Ghosts, gollums, faeries, sphinxes and monsters from any tradition are welcome.

2 A Magical Beanie

Design a beanie for a magical person or creature: a forest crown, a battle headdress, protective gear for a dragon-rider, or a thinking cap for a wise owl. Feel free to create your own creature or character.

3 Campfire Yarns Beanie

Remember a story that gave you sweet dreams or nightmares? This prize is for a beanie about story telling. Celebrate the storyteller. Or create something from a story or a poem that entered your imagination and never left.

4 Creature Feature Beanie

A beanie celebrating birds, animals, sea-life, insects or invertebrates.

5 Spirit of the Land

A beanie celebrating our desert, forest, coast, bush and urban or magical landscapes.

6 Heart Felt Prize

Celebrating felting: Including wet felting, nuno-felting, needle felting or knit and felt techniques at the festival.

7 Embellishment Prize

A prize for a piece that uses beads or seeds, feathers, tjanpi, embroidery, stitching or other embellishment to create a remarkable piece of work.

8 Committee Acquisition Prize

A prize for wonderful and unusual piece of work. These works are acquired for our collection.

9 The Eileen Bladon Tea-Cosy Prize

Celebrating the tea cosy, as a sister object to the beanie.

10 Children's Prize

A prize for a beanie maker under 12 years who has created a masterpiece, according to their age and skill level.

11 New Wave Prize

A prize for a beanie maker 12-19 years of age, who has shown skill and thought in their work. Celebrating a bit of zaniness. For a beanie that invites interaction and fun.

12 Central Australian Prize

A prize for a magnificent work made by an artist from Central Australia and surrounding communities.

13 The Mad Cap Prize

Celebrating a bit of zaniness. For a beanie that invites interaction and fun.

14 People's Choice Prize

The favourite beanie of 2017, as voted by festival goers..

No fascinators or string hats will be exhibited in 2017. Our beanie definition includes any hat that provides some warmth.

NOTE: All beanies will be judged in all categories. Everyone can have a go at entering a beanie – not just designers!

PRIZES

★ Prizes include a \$200 cash prize, bundle of yarns from Biggan Yarns and a handmade trophy.

★ \$500 Bendigo Bank Cash prize. For the People's Choice winner.

★ The Ashford Felting prize. A beautiful bundle of fleeces.

★ Winners will be announced on Friday 23 June 2017 at the opening. The winners will be posted on the website www.beaniefest.org and notified by mail.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 26th May 2017

All Enquiries: For advice, encouragement or swing tags:

Email – beaniefestival@gmail.com

Phone – Jo 0408 436 928

Facebook message - Alice Springs Beanie Festival

www.beaniefest.org

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1) **All entries must have arrived by last mail 26 May 2017.**

No discussion will be entered into. No extensions possible.

2) **Each competitor may enter two pieces into the competition. The First entry must be for sale, the second can be for sale or not for sale.**

3) **Sales:** There is a tendency to underprice the work, so please consider all your costs - materials, postage, entry fees, commission, effort etc.

4) **Entries to be sent to: Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Araluen Arts Centre, PO Box 3521, Alice Springs NT 0871**

5) **Each entry must be delivered with:**

i) **Entry fee: a non-refundable entry fee of \$20 per beanie/teacosy.** Payment can be made by cheque or money order to the Alice Springs Beanie Festival. Cash payment may be made by hand delivery only. International entries payment must be made with an international bank cheque or Australian dollars.

ii) **Receipts:** If you require a receipt, please request in writing with a stamped, self-addressed envelope

iii) **Identification Label:** The artists name, address and price must be marked and firmly stitched (not pinned) to the inside crown of the beanie. Please use a cloth tag (you only need to do this for competition beanies).

iv) **Beanie Festival Swingtag** must also be attached so that it hangs out of the beanie from the inside crown in an obvious way, with the price clearly written.

v) **Barcode** We will attach a barcode to your entry as we receive it and note it on your entry form.

vi) **Entry Form:** a completed and signed entry form.

vii) **Artists statement/Beanie Stories** (optional): Please send an artist statement with your work in a one page A4 format. If your work is in a particular cultural/family tradition we

would love to know the origins of your work, e.g. send a story about your work, a story about your making. This will be placed in an A4 folder within the exhibition space and possibly used in festival publications.

6) **All entries will be seen by the judges.**

7) **Any entries that are not displayed within the Araluen Gallery** will be displayed as part of the Beanie Central Exhibition.

8) **50% commission will be taken from the asking price by the Araluen Galleries (40%) and the Beanie Festival (10%).**

9) **Payment from sold work:** Payment for sold works will be made by cheque as soon as possible after the close of the exhibition (July 17th)

10) **International Entries:** Cheques will be sent in Australian dollars.

11) **While all care will be taken with the entries,** no responsibility will be accepted for lost or damaged items, by the Alice Springs Beanie Festival or the Araluen Arts Centre. Insurance remains the responsibility of the artist.

12) **The Beanie Festival reserves the right to use** images of the works entered free of charge for any promotion or publication. Apart from this, copy right resides with the entrant.

13) **All entries must have been produced after 1 July 2016 and not previously exhibited.**

14) **Unsold work:** All unsold work will be returned to the artist. Please note on the entry form how you would like your piece returned and include paperwork with entry fee if appropriate.

Detach and send with entries

ENTRY FORM: WEAVING THE MAGIC - 2017 ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL COMPETITION

I hereby certify that the entries are my own hand-made originals, produced after July 2016 and I agree to the above conditions:

Name				Age* (Optional)?		Years Young
Address			Town/City			
State		Country	Postcode			
Email				Telephone		

ENTRY 1 Title:

(Judges decide categories for each entry)

Price (include commission) \$

barcode number

ENTRY 2 Title:

Price (include commission) \$

barcode number

Signature

Date

Return postage options: (please tick your chosen option)

Express post bag. We will post each beanie back in a post bag please send postpack with your entry. We will return postpack if your beanie sells.

Boxed Cash-On-Delivery. We will box up your beanie and send it COD (please send a completed COD form with your entry).

All Enquiries call 0408 436 928 or email: beaniefestival@gmail.com

**We'd like to gather data about Beanie-Makers to better understand our community and the impact we help create.*