

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Artist Eligibility

Entries are invited from artists, in any art or craft medium excluding digital/moving image, who currently reside, work or study in the Bay of Plenty, and those students who study away from their Bay of Plenty home base.

Artists eligible for the Youth Award must be 18 years and under at time of exhibition opening (4 February 2026). These entrants may be asked for proof of age.

Employees of Rotorua Lakes Council and Friends of Rotorua Museum executive committee are not eligible to enter.

Artwork Eligibility

As an entrant you must guarantee that

- The work is a one-off original and not part of an edition
- The work does not infringe upon NZ copyright laws
- The artwork is not AI generated and does not have any AI components
- The work is the sole work of the artist entering (unless it is listed as a collaboration)
- All works have been created within the 24 months prior to and including the date of entry
- Works entered have not previously been exhibited (in gallery or online)

Size

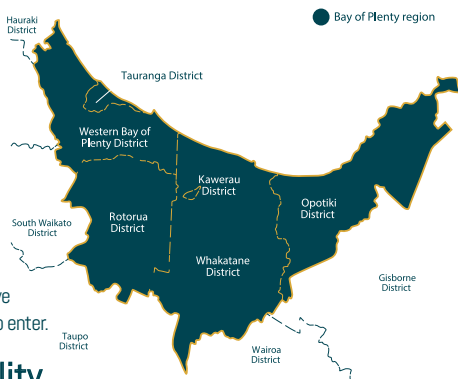
- The longest side of wall-based works, including frame, must not exceed 1 metre or 40 inches
- 3-dimensional/freestanding and installation works must not exceed a maximum of 1 metre in width, 1 metre in depth, and 1.5 metres in height
- Weight of freestanding works must not exceed 25kg
- Weight of hanging works must not exceed 20kg

Acceptance of works

- Acceptance of works will be at the sole discretion of Rotorua Museum. No correspondence will be entered into and their decision will be final

Presentation

- All entries must have secure surfaces (e.g. paint/varnish must be dry, fragile, pastel and charcoal surfaces must be 'fixed')
- All works must be ready for hanging/display and come with detailed hanging/display instructions
- Framed works must have strong cord or wire with flat 'D' attachments. Stretched canvas and/or other forms of loose canvas hanging with eyelets are acceptable. Please provide pins if the work has eyelets



Labelling

- All work must have the following information either written on, or attached to, the back of the work: artist name, address, contact phone number, title of work, date of production, medium and price (including commission)
- The work must not be signed or labelled on the front

Transport & Packing

- Entries arriving by courier must be suitably crated or boxed in rigid reusable packaging with the artist name and return address clearly marked
- Entries not being uplifted in person - \$75 per package freight fee must be included with the entry fee to cover repacking and return freight. Prepaid freight tickets will not be accepted
- All entries not uplifted by Friday 6 March 2026 will become the property of the Friends of Rotorua Museum

Insurance

- Insurance is the sole responsibility of the entrant while the work is in transit and for the duration of the exhibition. All reasonable care will be taken in the handling of all entries, but no liability for loss or damage will be accepted by Rotorua Museum, Rotorua Lakes Council, Friends of Rotorua Museum, its officers and/or assistants

Sales

- All works must be for sale
- The sale price must include commission of 30%
- Commission from the sale of works during the Finalist Exhibition and Salon des Refusés will be retained by Friends of Rotorua Museum

Judge

- The award winners and finalists will be determined through a blind judging process
- The judge will be selected by Rotorua Museum
- The judge's decision will be final

Selection & Awards

\$15,000	Rotorua Museum Supreme Award
\$1,000	Lockwood Youth Award
\$1,000	Watts & Hughes Innovation Award
\$1,000	Coombes Johnston BMW People's Choice Award (\$500 to the artist and \$500 voter draw)

- The judge will select works for the Finalist Exhibition, and any works not chosen will be eligible for the Salon des Refusés
- All awards, except for the Coombes Johnston BMW People's Choice Award, will be presented at the opening of the Finalist Exhibition on Wednesday 4 February 2026. The Coombes Johnston BMW People's Choice Award will be announced the week following the exhibition close
- All winners MUST attend the awards event in order to be eligible for the prize unless otherwise negotiated with Rotorua Museum in advance
- All works entered will be photographed and used for promotional purposes, including online
- All works selected for the Finalist Exhibition must remain in the exhibition for the entire period of the show from Wednesday 4 February – Sunday 1 March 2026