

ENTRY FEES

Entry fee (\$50 per work incl GST, non-refundable)
PLUS return freight (\$75 per work incl GST) = Total Payable

Number of works entered (Maximum two) (Tick where relevant):

YOUTH CATEGORY: (18 years and under on 4 February 2026, receive 1 free entry)

☐ 1 work \$FOC ☐ 2 works \$50

FRIENDS OF ROTORUA MUSEUM MEMBERS:

☐ 1 work \$40 ☐ 2 works \$70

OTHER ENTRANTS:

☐ 1 work \$50 ☐ 2 works \$90

Works will be delivered: ☐ in person ☐ by courier

Works will be collected: ☐ in person ☐ by courier (fee of \$75 per work)

NOT A FRIENDS'
MEMBER YET
BUT WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN?

APPLY HERE



rlc.net.nz/FriendsApplication

Total amount payable:

Payment Details

Please pay total fees by internet banking to:

Friends of the Rotorua Museum of Art & History Incorporated
Westpac Bank 03-1552-0099250-00

Important: Please ensure that **RMAA26** (Rotorua Museum Art Awards 2026) and your name are included in the reference.

I have read and accepted the conditions of entry. I declare that the works specified on this form are my original work and do not infringe upon NZ copyright laws. I agree to reproduction of the works in any publicity medium (including online) related to the awards and subsequent exhibitions. I have paid the entry fees for each work entered and understand that this entry fee is non-refundable. I also understand that an extra \$75 per package must be included with this entry for return freight, unless being personally uplifted.

Name (please print)

Signed Date

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry forms & fees

DEADLINE: MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026, 5PM

Entry forms, entry fees and freight fees must be received by this date via either:

- post (Rotorua Museum Art Awards, Private Bag 3029, Rotorua 3046)
- email rotoruumuseumfriends@gmail.com
- or online through the Museum website rotoruumuseum.co.nz/artawards

ARTWORK DELIVERY

Delivering artwork by hand: Must arrive on either Sunday 18 January 2026, 12pm – 4pm, or Monday 19 January 2026, 12pm – 6pm to: Sir Howard Morrison Centre, Fenton St, Rotorua

Delivering artwork by courier: All courier deliveries must arrive no later than Monday 19 January 2026, 5pm. Courier deliveries can be made during business hours between 12 – 19 January 2026 and must be delivered to: Rotorua Museum Art Awards, 62-66 Tallyho Street, Rotorua.

Rotorua Museum reserves the right to refuse any artworks that arrive outside the designated times.

FINALIST EXHIBITION OPENING AND AWARDS

5.30pm, Wednesday 4 February 2026
Sir Howard Morrison Centre, Fenton St, Rotorua

EXHIBITION DATES

Finalist Exhibition: Thursday 5 February – Sunday 1 March 2026, 10am – 4pm
(Sir Howard Morrison Centre, Rotorua)

Salon des Refusés: Thursday 5 February – Sunday 1 March 2026, 10am – 4pm
(Lockwood Show Homes, 43 Fairy Springs Road, Rotorua)

RETURN OF WORKS - COLLECTING IN PERSON

Works not selected for the Finalist Exhibition, and not going into the Salon des Refusés, must be collected from the Sir Howard Morrison Centre, Fenton Street, Rotorua on Wednesday 4 February 2026 between 6pm – 7pm or Thursday 5 February 2026 between 10am – 4pm.

Unsold works from the Finalist Exhibition must be collected from the Sir Howard Morrison Centre on Monday 2 March 2026, between 10am – 4pm.

Unsold works from the Salon des Refusés must be collected from Lockwood Show Homes on Monday 2 March 2026 between 10am – 4pm.

RETURN OF WORKS - COURIER

Works not selected for the Finalist Exhibition and not going into the Salon des Refusés will be dispatched between 9 – 13 February 2026.

Unsold works from the Finalist Exhibition and Salon des Refusés will be dispatched between 2 – 6 March 2026.

UNCOLLECTED WORKS

Unless otherwise arranged and agreed by Friends of the Museum, works not collected by 5pm, 6 March 2026 will become the property of the Friends of Rotorua Museum to be disposed of as they see fit.

For further information visit www.rotoruumuseum.co.nz or contact Julie Parsons: phone **027 242 4132** or email rotoruumuseumfriends@gmail.com



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ROTORUA museum
ART AWARDS 2026

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entries close 5pm
Monday 12 January 2026

The awards include:

- \$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)

Rotorua Museum Art Award Finalist Exhibition
5 February – 1 March 2026
Sir Howard Morrison Centre, Rotorua

A Salon des Refusés for works not selected in the Finalist Exhibition will be held at Lockwood Show Homes, 43 Fairy Springs Road, Rotorua from 5 February – 1 March 2026.

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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

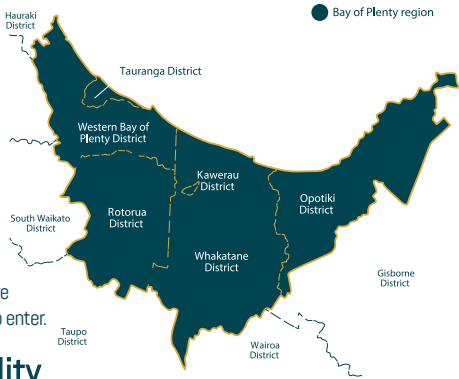
- The longest side of wall-based works, including frame, must not exceed 1 metre or 40 inches
- 3-dimensional/freestanding and installation works must not exceed a maximum of 1 metre in width, 1 metre in depth, and 1.5 metres in height
- Weight of freestanding works must not exceed 25kg
- Weight of hanging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

ENTRY FORM

The completed entry form and entry fee must be received by 5pm on Monday 12 January 2026 by post, email or online. This entry form can also be downloaded or completed online rotoruamuseum.co.nz/artawards



Post: Rotorua Museum Art Awards, Private Bag 3029, Rotorua 3046
Email: rotoruamuseumfriends@gmail.com

Name		
Address		
Post Code	Contact phone: Daytime	
Mobile		
Email		

Entrant's name as you would like it to appear if the work is selected:

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Entrant's town of residence/work	
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I am eligible for the Youth Award (18 years and under on 4 February 2026)

☐ Yes	☐ No (Please tick one)
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Work 1

Title		
Date created		
Medium		
☐ Wall hung	☐ Freestanding	

Price for sale: (including 30% commission)	
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☐ Include my work in the Salon des Refusés if not selected for the Finalist Exhibition (Tick if yes)

Work 2

Title		
Date created		
Medium		
☐ Wall hung	☐ Freestanding	

Price for sale: (including 30% commission)	
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☐ Include my work in the Salon des Refusés if not selected for the Finalist Exhibition (Tick if yes)

Please email artist statements (150-200 words) for each artwork to rotoruamuseumfriends@gmail.com by 12 January 2026