



Neighbour Day founder captured in Archibald Prize entry

Andrew Heslop, the founder of Neighbour Day, has been captured in an entry for the 2010 Archibald Prize. The work was delivered to the Art Gallery of New South Wales this morning.

Sydney artist Bruce Remmer has created the giant 1m x 1.5m portrait using vivid paints, resin, gold and silver leaf. Heslop, 40, sat for Remmer at the artist's Surry Hills studio over four sittings commencing in December.

The work was 'revealed' in Sydney on Monday night by Sky News presenter Leigh Hatcher at a VIP party hosted by 2UE's Murray Olds and attended by more than 100 people from the arts, politics, media and community sectors. Violinist Alex Mitchell and cellist Rowena Crouch, both from the Sydney Symphony, provided a classical concert for guests.

"Bruce Remmer has created a magnificent work of art which drew audible gasps and applause from the guests on Monday night. I think it is a very rich, powerful and detailed piece, which I hope will lead to Bruce being selected for the 2010 Archibald Prize exhibition.

"It was a great honour to sit for Bruce. He's a very talented artist," said Andrew.

Entries for the 2010 Archibald Prize close on Friday 5th March 2010 with selected works announced on Wednesday 17th March 2010 in Sydney.

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