

# MEN ON MEN

## ART COMPETITION - 2016 RESULTS

The Men on Men Art Competition is a celebration of masculinity, allowing the artist to express their sensual, sexual, humorous or just plain weird take on gay life. In 2016 a total of 59 works were submitted with artists showing just how open 'masculinity' is to interpretation. The works varied greatly in style & medium. As well as painting, drawing, graphic design, etching & mixed-media we saw our first ever video entry.

As with previous years for the ever-popular MOM Open Day we put aside the 'men-only' status & threw open the doors to all making for a great afternoon of beers, browsing & buying! If you haven't checked them out yet, get in before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Works can be purchased via the bar, with 100% of sales going to the artist.

### Grand Prize

**Artist:** Damon Kowarsky

**Title:** *St Francis, Seoul*

**Medium:** Etching & aquatint from 6 copper plates



- \$500.00 Dean's Art Voucher
- Feature in Melbourne Community Voice
- Exhibition at The Laird during Midsumma 2017

*"The birds came from a tattoo designed for Ari from Sydney. Although he never got it inked the image stayed with me. Earlier this year I was able to combine the birds with a drawing of John McCullough, a life model from Gasworks in Albert Park. St Francis is famous for his charity and friendship with all living things. Now is as important a time as any to remember love and charity being at the heart of things. Korea is strongly Christian, and Seoul seemed the right place to put a contemporary St Francis. The buildings were drawn from the steps of the National Museum when I visited the country last October."*

### Judges Comments

*"Exceptional multiple plated etching" "Fine use of aquatint and interesting construction of a triptych"*

### Honourable Mentions

Claude *"Forgive me father for I have sinned"* Matto Lucas *"Brendan"*



### People's Choice

**Artist:** Scott Thomas

**Title:** *Spiritual Awakening*

**Medium:** Sketch using pencil and ink jet pens

- \$100.00 Dean's Art Voucher
- Exhibition at The Laird during Midsumma 2017

### Honourable Mentions

Kris Hithgoda *'Radical Faery Love'*

Claude *'Blue Penis Project'*

Steve Edwards *'Jackson Melting'*

### THANKS...

First and foremost, the artists who bare their souls (amongst other things) for our entertainment. Our sponsors and supporters for their generosity which allows Men on Men Art Competition to remain one of our communities' longest running and most unique events. And last but not least, Richard and Maryann for their amazing assistance with sorting, hanging, tagging and lighting; our 2016 judges; Tim and Keith (Tacit Contemporary Art).

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