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Young talent showcased in *ArtRage*

The *ArtRage* exhibition is on again and set to display a fantastic range of youthful talent in a new showcase.

ArtRage is an annual event where the most outstanding art work produced by year 11 and 12 TCE art students is chosen by independent selectors and displayed around the state.

The Hobart exhibition will be officially opened by Senator the Hon Lisa Singh tonight.

Professor Noel Frankham, Head of the UTAS Tasmanian School of Art, welcomed the exhibition.

“The amount of creative talent displayed in these artworks is wonderful.

“It is also hugely encouraging that young people in Tasmania are so clearly focused on expressing their creative vision in artworks of such a high standard.

“The School of Art is hosting *ArtRage* for the sixth time, but this year is the first time it will be held in the Plimsoll Gallery.

“We hope the student artists enjoy seeing their work displayed in the same exhibition space that is regularly featuring established national and international artists as part of the gallery’s curated program.”

Senator Singh said it was an honour to open *ArtRage*.

“It is wonderful to see the work of our talented emerging artists on display and to know that Tasmania’s talent pool is deeper than ever,” Senator Singh said.

“Creativity is an important value. Art can help people make sense of the world around them, and provides the opportunity for the artist to share their ideas and beliefs with the community.”

Each year *ArtRage* includes an Examiners’ Choice, a student’s body of work selected to be displayed in full.

This year two students were selected.

The Examiners' Choice for Art Production in 2011 is Georgiy Margvelashvili, a Hutchins School student who completed his year 11 art studies at Fahan School.

The Examiners' Choice for Art Studio Practice in 2011 is Alice Bailey, a year 12 student from Launceston College.

ArtRage receives cooperation from students and teachers, as well as other participants within the industry.

The success of this exhibition can be attributed to the support and co-operation between the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, the Burnie Regional Gallery and the UTAS Tasmanian School of Art.

Exhibition opening details:

Who: Senator the Hon Lisa Singh, student artists, guests

What: Official opening of *ArtRage 2011* exhibition

When: 5.30pm Friday 20 April 2012

Where: Plimsoll Gallery, UTAS Centre for the Arts, Hunter Street Hobart

The exhibition will be displayed at the Plimsoll Gallery from 21 April - 13 May, 2012, 12 noon - 5pm daily.

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