

MELBOURNE PRESS CLUB/TRAWALLA FOUNDATION

Arts Journalism Scholarship 2009

Rules and Criteria

1. The Melbourne Press Club/Trawalla Foundation Arts Journalism Scholarship was established to recognize and promote excellence, creativity and originality in reporting, reviewing or critical appraisal of the visual or performing arts such as music, dance, painting, theatre and cinema. The work must have a strong Victorian connection and be published or broadcast in Victoria.
2. Each entry must have been first published or broadcast in Victoria in a recognised media outlet during the period from **1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009**.
3. Entrants are asked to submit a portfolio of work containing no less than three and no more than 10 pieces of work. Where there are more than three pieces submitted, entrants must nominate the three principal pieces for consideration by the judges.
4. Entries must be submitted by no later than **5pm on Friday 4 September 2009**.
5. The winner will be awarded \$7500 travel and accommodation costs to visit an international arts event, festival or facility in the 12 months to August 31 2010.
6. Each entry must be accompanied by at least three documents:
 1. An official entry form (from <http://www.pressclubonline.com/MPCTrawallaArtsJournalismScholarship>);
 2. A one-page accompanying statement certifying that the work is the entrant's own and describing the merits and circumstances of the work; and
 3. A one-page submission nominating an international arts festival, event or facility that the entrant would like to visit and describing how the visit would enhance the entrant's arts journalism.
7. Each entry must comply with the MEAA Code of Ethics and must declare any subsequent formal corrections, claims for plagiarism, or any other legal proceedings commenced in relation to the entry. Any such declaration must be separate from the three documents in Rule 6.
8. The travel arrangements are subject to discussion and negotiation with Trawalla Foundation, who may assist with some arrangements. The travel may be varied from the entrant's submission.

- 9.** The scholarship winner agrees, if requested, to give a five-minute presentation on the scholarship experience at the following year's presentation of the scholarship, or at an appropriate alternative event.
- 10.** The judges reserve the right to reject an entry that in their opinion does not comply with the requirements of the award, without giving any reason.
- 11.** The Melbourne Press Club and Trawalla Foundation reserve the right to use and reproduce all entries submitted for the purposes of promoting the award.
- 12.** The judges' decision is final. Entries will not be returned and entrants should keep copies of the work submitted.
- 13.** In judging entries, the judges will place an emphasis on criteria such as quality, originality, impact, initiative, enterprise and degree of difficulty. The travel proposal and its stated benefits will also be given considerable weight.
- 14.** Entry forms must be accompanied by four tear sheets (or photocopies) of the published work, and if possible a pdf of the page (in the case of print entries). In the case of broadcast entries, four DVD's or audio CD's are required, preferably with a transcript of the broadcast.
- 15.** The winner will be announced at a Melbourne Press Club/Trawalla Foundation luncheon to be held on Thursday 15 October 2009 at Terra Rossa Restaurant & Bar in Melbourne.
- 16.** The singular term "entrant" is used in these entry criteria, but is considered to include the plural - that is, joint entries are permitted where two or more entrants have collaborated in compiling the items entered. In the event that a joint entry is judged to be the winning entry, the winners will need to agree among themselves on the division of the prize, and must nominate the proposed recipient(s).
- 17.** The entry form must include a signed statement from the entrant's employer that the winner will continue to be paid during the period of travel.
- 18.** Visas for the travel are the responsibility of the winner.