

Annex A About Singapore Art Show and the Singapore Art Exhibition

The *Singapore Art Exhibition 2009 (SAE)* is the main feature of the Singapore Art Show (SAS), organised by the National Arts Council and the Singapore Art Museum. The SAS is a national platform celebrating distinctive and outstanding art created by local and Singapore-based artists. This biennial festival showcases the diversity of visual arts practices in Singapore, presents new artistic contents and further develops the capabilities of artists and curators. It also aims to encourage public appreciation of and engagement in visual arts in Singapore.

The SAE 2009 offers artists from all disciplines, a national platform to participate via an open call for submission. This year's theme for SAE 2009 was Art Buffet, a concept adopted as a mode of display and cultural consumption and offers an opportunity for audiences to savour a visual feast of creative production from a spread of 12 subject matters. 2009 attracted a total of 470 submissions by 222 artists; out of which 29 artworks have been selected for inclusion in SAE 2009. Out of the 29 artists presented, one winner has been awarded the Singapore Art Exhibition Prize - a \$50,000 grant which can be used for professional or capability development through residencies, further studies or training, and for the creation and/or presentation of bold, new projects and works. Criteria for the selection of the short-listed artworks are strong artistic concept, relevance to the selected themes of ART BUFFET and strong technical execution of the work.