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ARTSOURCE AWARDS THREE ARTISTS FOR THEIR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Stuart Elliott, Shane Pickett and George Haynes have been honoured by the visual arts community in Western Australia.

Cultural warriors stormed the temple - 250 artists, friends, family, curators and art collectors gathered to support the three artists at the Artsource gala presentation on Tuesday 1 June 2010, in the Art Gallery of WA.

Awarded for their Lifetime Achievement, in recognition of their significant contribution to the visual arts and culture of Western Australia, the artists were hailed in words and pictures. The stories told of each artist's endeavours and portrayed lives of endurance. Each were poignant, reverent and occasionally irreverent yet so different.

Jude van der Merwe, Executive Director of Artsource says, "*These artists create relentlessly in the face of little financial recompense and their unerring commitment to the development of their art practice has had an enduring effect on our cultural legacy, the direction and inspirations of their students and their peers.*"

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Shane Pickett (b. 1957 – d. 2010)

Aposthumous award for Shane who died suddenly in January this year was received by his wife Violet and family on his behalf. Shane Pickett gave selflessly as an artist, mentor and cultural leader over 30 years. Much loved by all who worked with him, his cultural legacy is recognised for redefining the artistic landscape for Nyoongar artists.

George Haynes (b. 1938)

George has taught and exhibited consistently since arriving in Australia in 1962. A regular exhibitor in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, New Zealand and United Kingdom; George is an awarded artist whose exhibitions include Australian Painting 19th & 20th Centuries in New Zealand, Ten Australians touring across Europe and Contemporary Australian Drawings. Bela Kotai's tribute speech is available online.

Stuart Elliott (b. 1953)

Stuart is a respected mid career Perth artist, as well as a valued art lecturer and writer. His broad mentorship of many young and emerging artists is of particular note. His paintings and sculptures can be found in many public collections including the Art Gallery of WA, Sanyi Museum Taiwan ROC, all the university art collections in WA, Bankwest, Holmes à Court Collection and Kerry Stokes' Collection.

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The first *Artsource Lifetime Achievement Awards* took place in 2009 with the expressed intention of paying respect to artists who have sustained their practice achieving excellence in their chosen field for over 20 years. The Awards will be presented annually and the recipients selected by a panel of art industry leaders with the Artsource Board.

Artsource sees the Awards as just one way to acknowledge the rich contribution of artists in our community, at the same time as developing greater professionalism and pride within the art sector.

ABOUT ARTSOURCE - the artists' foundation of Western Australia

Artsource is the peak membership body for visual artists in Western Australia. In operation for over 23 years, Artsource supports the professional interests of over 900 members throughout the State. Artsource services are structured to be relevant, accessible and practical. For artists these include **Employment Agency, Indigenous Artist Development, Studios, Residencies, Professional Development program and Advice on artist issues**. For people wishing to engage an artist the **Artsource Consultancy** provides assistance in developing and coordinating projects, including commissioning, purchasing and leasing artworks, as well as policy work,.

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