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## MEDIA RELEASE

# 2009 City of Hobart Art Prize Peoples' Choice Winner

The Lord Mayor of Hobart Alderman Rob Valentine is proud to announce the winner of this years Peoples' Choice Award in the City of Hobart Art Prize is Tasmanian artist Lucia Usmiani for her work *"It's all about control"*.



Lucia is a graduate of the School of Art, University of Tasmania and has exhibited her work locally and nationally. The Peoples' Choice Award is a non-acquisitive award of \$1,000 for the most popular work in the exhibition as voted by the viewing public. Every person who nominated the winner as their favourite will be in the draw to win dinner for two at Moorilla Estate.

Alderman Valentine said the total value of the City of Hobart Art Prize, including the Peoples' Choice Award is now \$38,500. The Prize is open to artists, designers and craftspeople nation-wide. It brings together contemporary visual arts, craft and design practice for a single exhibition through which the Award is given.

“The Council’s major aim of the City of Hobart Art Prize is to promote Tasmanian art, craft and design practice within a national context, showcase an exciting exhibition, while providing the City with an excellent collection of significant works.”

“One of the promotional tools used to achieve this outcome is the design and production of an exhibition catalogue. The Council would like to extend its congratulations to Tracey Allan, the 2009 City of Hobart Art Prize graphic designer for winning Gold in the catalogue category of this years Printing Industry Craftsmanship Award,” said the Lord Mayor Alderman Valentine.

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