

# MEDIA RELEASE

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*Country Arts SA, SALA Festival and Adelaide Festival Centre are proud to present*

## **LAYERS by CINDY DURANT** *BREAKING GROUND*

The 2016 Breaking Ground recipient, Penong artist Cindy Durant will exhibit her work in the Adelaide Festival Centre's Artspace Gallery over July and August, during the South Australian Living Artists Festival.

Country Arts SA and SALA's highly successful Breaking Ground professional development award is the biggest art prize in the SALA Festival that is now a fixture on South Australia's art calendar. Last year it was Adelaide Hill's artist Morgan Allender who exhibited her work after winning the award.

*"Regional artists are integral participants in the annual SALA Festival each August,"* said Penny Griggs, General Manager of the SALA Festival.

*"It is wonderful to be able to collaborate with Country Arts SA and Adelaide Festival Centre to celebrate and acknowledge a regional artist who is breaking ground in their chosen area of practice."*

Breaking Ground gives the winning regional artist the time and the funds to experiment with their practice and develop a new body of work for display. A \$10,000 cash prize is awarded during the SALA Festival, alongside a \$5,000 mentorship opportunity and exhibition at the Artspace Gallery during the following year's SALA Festival.

Country Arts SA CEO Steve Saffell said, *"The Breaking Ground Award is a great stepping stone for regional artists to not only exhibit in a prominent city gallery space, but also to network with the wider arts community in both metropolitan and regional South Australia."*

Hailing from Penong on the Eyre Peninsula, Ms Durant is a remarkable glass artist inspired by her environment. Printmaking is an artform she has been experimenting with and, as part of her prize, Ms Durant has undertaken a mentorship with Adelaide-based printmaker Joshua Searson.

*"As the recipient of the Breaking Ground Award for 2016 I have been enthusiastically experimenting, learning and making work in my studio this year,"* said Ms Durant.

*"The award is a fantastic opportunity for a non-city based artist to develop and grow as well as an opportunity to exhibit in a major metropolitan gallery. The award has given me the opportunity to try new ideas and develop them further and I look forward to sharing my work. I feel honoured to have been selected against a field of other fantastic artists across rural areas of South Australia."*

The Adelaide Festival Centre acknowledges the contribution the Breaking Ground award has given to the SALA Festival.

*"Adelaide Festival Centre is proud to co-present the exceptional work by Breaking Ground recipient, Cindy Durant during this year's SALA Festival,"* said Douglas Gautier, Adelaide Festival Centre CEO and Artistic Director.

*“2016 marks the fourth year the Festival Centre has worked with Breaking Ground artists and over 10 years since we’ve collaborated with SALA. The Breaking Ground award is a wonderful platform for discovering a regional artist from South Australia and gives them the opportunity to share their work with the Arts community and the public in the metropolitan area.”*

**Breaking Ground**

Artspace Gallery, Adelaide Festival Centre

6<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August

Official opening: Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July

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