

PRESS RELEASE - Artisan Residency Program
Elevating Queensland craft and design careers

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artisan is announcing the selected artists for our new **Artisan Residency Program**, supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. These residencies have been developed by **artisan** to elevate careers and offer opportunities for emerging and established artisans to expand their practice create new works and engage with new communities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Arts Queensland for their invaluable support in fostering Queensland artistic talent and innovation. We extend our thanks to residency selection panellists Barbara Heath, Elizabeth Shaw, Aimee Frodsham and Edwina Corlette for their time and expertise.

Residency 1 – Canberra Glassworks

We are delighted to award the Canberra Glassworks residency to glass artist Erin Conron. Conron is an established Sunshine Coast glass artist who will embark on a six-week residency in Canberra, collaborating with local experts to create a captivating new body of work. Conron will explore the optical effects and dualities inherent in glass, pushing boundaries of technique and form. Her innovative works will be showcased in an exhibition at **artisan** from November 2024 to March 2024.



Erin Conron, Arc, glass, 39 x 34 x 31cm, 2018. Photography Adam McGrath.



Erin Conron, Intersect, glass, 85 x 85 x 7cm, 2021. Photography Dave Gleeson.

Residency 2 – artisan Brisbane

We are pleased to announce Regi Cherini as the recipient of the regional artisan residency. Regi Cherini, a talented craft and design practitioner, currently residing in Far North Queensland, will travel to Brisbane for a six-week residency with **artisan**. Through this residency, Regi will delve into the contemporary needlecraft movement, exploring the unconventional and subversive potential of embroidery to address issues of gender, equality, class and culture. During her residency Regi will undertake mentorship with textile and cross-stitch artists, partake in and present workshops, and present collaborative artist talks alongside other Queensland textile artists. The residency will culminate in an exhibition art **artisan** from November 2024 to March 2025.



Regi Cherini, Pink Tax series, 43 x 33cm each, 2021.

These residencies represent significant milestone in the artistic journey of Erin Conron and Regi Cherini, offering them invaluable opportunities for growth, experimentation, and collaboration. We look forward to witnessing the transformative impact of these residencies on their artistic practice and engage audiences with their thought-provoking creations.

Third Party Quote

"I'm excited about Erin being selected for the Canberra Glassworks Residency. With her diverse skills in glass blowing, printing, and painting, she's a fantastic artist who fits perfectly into our program of expanding glass practices. This opportunity provides the perfect platform for growth through mentorship and exploration.

The collaboration with **artisan**, bringing together artists from Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory, adds another layer of excitement. I'm confident that Erin's talents, combined with the supportive environment of Canberra Glassworks and **artisan**, will lead to a beautiful exhibition. This residency highlights the power of shared skills, creative exploration, and the exchange of ideas."

- Aimee Frodsham – Artistic Director Canberra Glassworks

Key Dates:

- 30 July - 8 September 2024 | **Residency**
- 2 November 2024 – 1 March 2025 | **artisan exhibition**

For further information about the residencies and upcoming exhibitions, please contact **artisan** or visit our website:

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