

# Introducing Simon Wright

## Judge of The 40th **RioTinto** Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards 2015



**SIMON WRIGHT** has held programming, exhibition, curatorial and management positions in private, commercial, public gallery and museum realms since 1993.

Currently Assistant Director (Learning + Public Engagement) at Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), he was formerly Director of Griffith Artworks + Griffith University Art Gallery, Exhibitions Manager at Brisbane City Gallery, a curatorial consultant to private collections and Gallery Manager at Bellas Gallery, Brisbane. He has worked on over 250 exhibition and publication projects and received a Museums Australia Gallery and Museum Individual Achievement Award in 2004-5, and a National Australia Bank Partnering Award [QLD] at the Australia Business Arts Foundation Awards in 2006. After joining in 2007, he became a Fellow and then Founder Benefactor of the QAGOMA Foundation in 2014. In 2009 he was appointed to *The Commissioner's Council for Australia for the 53rd Venice Biennale* and has served as a member of the 54th and 55th Venice Biennale Champion Programs for Australia. In 2012 he was a member of the selection committee for The Premier of Queensland's International Sculpture Commission and in 2013 was elected to the Board of The Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane.

**SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2015 EVENTS:** **11am** - Judge's Floor Talk, followed by Artists' Lunch.  
**2pm** - Judge's Illustrated Lecture. **6pm** - Official Opening & Awards Presentation.