

5 years of the Cultural Centre marked with new sculpture for viewing platform

After assessing over 40 applications the successful artist has been selected to complete the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre's 5th year anniversary sculpture commission.

Applications were received from artists from across Australia together with a number of international submissions. The standard was very high as artists drew inspiration from the unique skylines that can be seen from the Cultural Centre's Viewing Platform, yet it was the submission from Australian based Japanese artist Koichi Ishino that attracted the highest praise from the selection committee.

A regular exhibitor in Japan, the US, the UK and Australia since 1978, Ishino has won various awards including the Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art Award in 1995 and the Tokyo National Museum of Modern Art award in 1997. Ishino's work has been featured in *Sculpture by the Sea* at Bondi since 2001 and is represented in numerous public and private collections across the world.

"It is a great privilege to be working with an artist of the calibre of Koichi Ishino on this important sculpture project for the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre. The work selected will be a stunning addition to our courtyard space and is sure to become an iconic artistic landmark of Katoomba", said Director of the Cultural Centre, Paul Brinkman.

The 3 meter high sculpture titled '*Wind, stone, earth and sky*' will be constructed from contrasting materials of black granite and polished stainless steel. With construction starting in May the sculpture will be ready for unveiling at the Cultural Centre's 5th Birthday celebration weekend on Saturday 18th of November.



Selected artist Koichi Ishino

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