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BIG CROWDS AT HUNGRY FOR ART

The big final weekend of the City of Ryde's Hungry for Art Festival drew hundreds of eager fans of all ages to try their hands at painting, clay sculpting, photography and print making at **DrawFest** - Sydney's biggest drawing and art making event at the Meadowbank TAFE Sydney Gallery School.

The bright sunshine added to the festive feel with live music, art talks, kids' activities and exhibitions happening simultaneously right throughout the day.

This year the **Mobile Phone PhotoComp** exceeded all expectations attracting over 300 entries. The judges were impressed with the wide range of interpretations of the theme – Art Never Sleeps – as well as the high standard of entries. The winners were:

Under 18 Award Recipients

Winner	Bethany Tay	*A is for Art*
Highly Commended	Melody Chen	*Ruelle d'Azur*
Highly Commended	May May Yang	*Art is All Around You*

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Winner	Sonya Hunter	*Emily Loves Sunflowers*
Highly Commended	Judy Guo	*Kürtős kalács into the Night: Keeping the Art of Making Hungarian "Chimney Cake" Alive*
Highly Commended	Scott Lipman	*On the Way Home*

Winner of the Hungry for Art Raffle was Brendan Render.

The Art Trail on Sunday brought the crowds back to meet artists and see them at work in their studio environments producing a range of fantastic works. There were café exhibitions and pop up events as well.

Hungry for Art is now a permanent fixture on the City of Ryde arts calendar. It has lifted the lid on the wealth of creativity right here on our doorstep and a community that is eager to support local talent.

Details of local artists, performance groups and arts venues can be found on the Council's website
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/artsandculture