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MUSEUM OF BRISBANE

Finalist at State Awards

The Winners and Finalists of the **2021 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced by Museums & Galleries Queensland tonight, 14 December, at a special live-streamed presentation.

Museum of Brisbane was recognised as a **Finalist** for its achievements in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project ***Bauhaus Now* exhibition**.

Bauhaus Now: art+design+architecture: A legacy of migration and modernism was exhibited by Museum of Brisbane (MoB) from September 2020 to April 2021. It brought to life the little-known story of how revolutionary ideas of the Weimar Republic in Germany influenced modernist art, design and architecture in Brisbane and Australia. Curated by Professor Andrew McNamara, the exhibition revealed the migrant and refugee contribution to Australian life and art history in the inter-war period and post-Second World War years.

Bauhaus Now featured original artworks and films from this influential period, plus a series of vivid contemporary recreations that demonstrated the impact of this movement in Brisbane and Australian art history. The exhibition also revealed how the legacy of these powerful ideas is being re-interpreted today by the city's contemporary artists. In total, 103 artworks and historical objects were on display plus support material, including digitised photographs and architectural plans.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Museum of Brisbane is to be commended for this major exhibition. *Bauhaus Now* achieved high standards of artistic and cultural outcomes for the Museum, the arts and social history sectors, and the wider community. The exhibition saw a high number of national loans from internationally renowned artists, including from major interstate galleries, museums and libraries, as well as artworks and social history objects from the Museum of Brisbane Collection. The display of historically significant works beside contemporary interpretations shared a little-known story that had a big impact on Brisbane – its art, architecture, education and communities, and continued legacy of the Bauhaus émigrés."

The GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

For the full list of GAMAA Winners and Finalists and to view the GAMAA presentation visit:

https://magsq.com.au/?page_id=5826.

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