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FEATURED ARTIST: Artist Jill Braiden will be showcased at the 37th Immanuel Arts Festival.

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Art showcase is much-anticipated

Immanuel Lutheran College to host 37th annual festival

THE 37th Immanuel Arts Festival from May 25 to 28 will carry on a long-standing tradition of a much-anticipated event on the Sunshine Coast's cultural calendar.

The festival is an opportunity for local artists, including students, to showcase their talent and increase their public profile.

Anyone from an emerging artist to an established name is welcome and encouraged to enter. This year's feature artists are painters and sculptors Lyndon (Lyn) and Jill Braiden, and painter Teresa Mundt.

Convenor Melissa Evans said last year's festival had attracted more than 240 artists and nearly \$24,000

worth of artwork had been sold.

"This year, artists can enter a range of categories including painting, mixed media, sculpture, photography, wearable and creative arts," she said.

"The theme for our photography category is 50 Years on the Sunshine Coast and we're hoping to get some beautiful, historic images – picture surf lifesavers patrolling Mooloolaba Beach 50 years ago. I hope we can encourage a number of local, amateur photographers to enter."

Painter, sculptor and potter Jill Braiden spent decades teaching art in Brisbane but her passion is

painting portraits and landscapes. Jill has had a long and distinguished career, and in 2013 she was a semi-finalist in the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize.

Husband Lyn is a painter and sculptor and was a finalist in the Sunshine Coast Art Prize. Lyn's work is eclectic – jumping from one inspiration to the next, doing sculptures or responding to commissions.

Buderim artist Teresa Mundt's career began in her early twenties when she worked as a freelance cartoonist. She later taught herself to paint using acrylics. Her cartooning background has left a strong imprint on her current style

and Teresa's quirky artworks are a fusion of cartoon, caricature and bold colour.

Entries are now open for the arts showcase. The cost of entering the festival is \$15 per artist for one piece and \$30 for up to three pieces.

All artwork exhibited is on sale for the duration of the festival. With nearly \$5000 in cash and prizes, major awards include Outstanding Work of Festival with \$1000 in prize money and the increasingly popular People's Choice Award, with \$500 prize money.

Conditions of entry and entry forms are available at www.immanuelartsfestival.com.au. Entries close on April 7.



Author Candice Fox and Sandra Green.

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Fox draws out book lovers

SUNSHINE Coast Libraries presented acclaimed Australian author Candice Fox at Maroochydore library on Thursday, February 16.

Fox is the author of five books, including *Fall*, *Hades*, *Eden* and *Never Never* with James Patterson.

Her first novel *Hades* won the Ned Kelly Award for best debut in 2014 from the Australian Crime Writers Association. The follow-up book won best crime novel in the Ned Kelly 2015 Awards.

Fox discussed her new fiction release, *Crimson Lake*, an edgy suspense novel set in the crocodile infested wetlands of Far North Queensland.

This special literary event, held as part of Library Lovers Week, was part of a series of Sunshine Coast Libraries author talks.



Alison and David Quigley.



Darla Rice.

