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INTERNATIONAL INTEREST HIGH AS TCF ENTERS 30TH YEAR



The Tasmanian Craft Fair has attracted significant international interest as the event enters its 30th year, with stallholder applications closing next Thursday (April 1).

Two major international exhibitions will feature in this year's Craft Fair, to be held October 29-November 1, and Director John Dare said he expected quite a few stallholders from international destinations as well.

"To date, we have confirmed the *3 Nations: Asian Contemporary Glass Art* exhibition featuring unique high-quality works from China, Japan and Korea, will come to Australia for the first time," Mr Dare said.

"This year we will also feature the Hoffman Challenge quilting exhibition from New Zealand, which I'm told attracts a large international following."

Mr Dare said while there had already been significant interest from arts and craftspeople, he expected more applications to flow in during the next week.

"This year we really want to get back to the roots of the Tasmanian Craft Fair, which is a working craft fair featuring the best craftspeople demonstrating their craft to the public," Mr Dare said.

"We have refined the entry qualifications to include this and ensure that we continue to be the biggest and best working craft fair in the Southern Hemisphere.

"With 200 stalls last year we still had quite a few stallholders miss out, so anyone wanting to participate in this year's Craft Fair better get their skates on."

Potential stallholders can download an application form at www.tascraftfair.com.au

The Tasmanian Craft Fair is an annual not-for-profit event conducted by the Rotary Club of Deloraine, featuring more than 200 stallholders from a wide variety of art and craft mediums. In the 29 years the Craft Fair has been held, more than \$2 million has been raised to fund a variety of community projects.

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