

Australian Bear Creations Awards 2009



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Since Teddy Bears became one of the most popular toys in the early 1900s both the materials and techniques have evolved and changed. Many artists still prefer the traditional skills and techniques while others continually experiment with new materials and tools to create visions of artistic workmanship that delight the eye. It is a hotly debated topic for many a bear show as to what the collectors really want, be it a traditional bear that reminds them of their childhood friend, or a modern and contemporary bear that showcases all the new materials and techniques.

The Australian Bear Creations Awards are for both the artist and the collector. The bear artists are challenged to create a bear that takes the best of their imagination, skills and techniques and is combined into their ultimate vision which, in turn, will be judged by collectors and colleagues in the bear world.

- Please read all rules and complete all forms before entering. Entries submitted without all forms, photos, and fees will not be considered or judged.
- The entry deadline is December 31, 2008. All entries must be received at our PO Box on or before this date.
- Get your entry in by October 31, 2008 and fully paid by credit card to be awarded two listings for the bear of your choice in our Gallery section.

January 31, 2009 – Judging panel will review all entries and vote to determine the four nominees in each category. These nominees will be contacted and asked to send their bears to our offices.

February 2009 – Nominees will be announced by Sponsor Dave Robertson of Nana's Teddies and Toys, Blaxland, NSW, Australia.

March 2009 – Nominees will appear in Australian Bear Creations.

March to August 2009 – The bears will tour with the Stitches and Craft Shows to Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney. Voting will cease at the close of the Sydney Show in August (date to be advised).

September 2009 – People's Choice Winner to be announced by Dave Robertson of Nana's Teddies and Toys and to be published in Australian Bear Creations.

As a special offer to all Nanas Teddies and Toys club members you will receive a 10% discount on all entry fees.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will you acknowledge my entry?

Yes, those who enter and pay before October 31, 2008 will receive an email or letter with details of their free gallery ads. Entries after this date will receive an email.

Do I have to own the pieces I enter?

No, it just has to be designed and made in the 12 months prior to December 31, 2008.

The piece does need to tour in Australia for some months and therefore we strongly suggest you have the approval of your collector before entering the bear to ensure its availability.

I make as a hobby, can I enter?

All artists who enter the competition must be willing to sell their pieces, or have bears available for sale.

I need to photograph my piece horizontally - is this acceptable?

Yes, but please try to keep to our size guidelines; you will not be disqualified for changing the size or orientation slightly.

We are two artists who wish to combine our talents on one bear, is this allowed?

Yes, only one entry fee is needed and please detail this in the special notes section on the Entry Form.

Can I send photos by disc only?

Yes, but please be aware that we may need to print copies for the judges on our equipment which may differ in colour and quality to professional equipment.

ARTIST CATEGORIES

Each artist must design and make their creations and have them for sale.

1	Miniature Artist Bear Dressed/ Costumed	0cm (4") and smaller
2	Miniature Artist Bear Undressed	10cm (4") and smaller
3	Small Artist Bear Dressed/Costumed	Over 10cm (4") up to and including 35.5cm (14")
4	Small Artist Bear Undressed	Over 10cm (4") up to and including 35.5cm (14")
5	Large Artist Bear Dressed/ Costumed	Larger than 35.5cm (14")
6	Large Artist Bear Undressed	Larger than 35.5cm (14")
7	Artist Bear Friend	Any size, dressed/undressed friend – no bears
8	Artist Bear – Non Traditional Materials	Any size, dressed/undressed. Teddy or friend. Wholly or greater than 33% of the creation must be of non traditional materials.

CHECK LIST

1. Print and read all rules and forms: Rules, Categories and Criteria, Entry Form, Waivers and Affidavits, Fee Information.
2. Fill out Entry Form for each entry.
3. Enclose minimum of three, maximum of five photos, captioned with bear name, country and category number. Include as both hard copy and disc if possible.
4. Complete all waivers and affidavits if needed.
5. Complete fee information form.
6. Mail forms to:
**Australian Bear Creations
ABC Awards
PO Box 8035
Glenmore Park , NSW, 2745.
Australia**

AUSTRALIAN BEAR CREATION AWARDS – 2009 CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

Please note –

- Dressed/costumed versus Undressed – A bear wearing one accessory is considered undressed. If the accessory covers one third or less of the bear it is considered undressed. If the bear is dyed or different mohair or fabrics are used in such a way as to portray a character or to appear in costume the bear is considered dressed.
- Costumes and outfits should be handmade by the artist or collaborator who is acknowledged.
- Wings are considered to be dressed or costumed.
- If the judges perceive or consider a bear to be entered in an incorrect

category they retain the right to change the entry.

- If the entry consists of more than one bear the entry will be judged on the primary piece.

AUSTRALIAN BEAR CREATIONS AWARDS – 2009 GENERAL RULES

Definitions for the ABC Awards

- Artist – A bear maker who sells bears. Each entry must be designed and made by the artist and be available for sale in the 12 months prior to December 31, 2008.
- Manufacturer – Each manufacturer must produce a total of 500 or more bears/friends.
- Teddy bear – a plaything or collectible made in the image of a bear. Traditionally covered in plush,

MANUFACTURER CATEGORIES

The edition of each teddy bear and friend must be produced by each manufacturer, not the designer. Each manufacturer must produce a total of 500 or more bears/friends.

9	Manufacturer Miniature Bear Dressed/ Costumed/Undressed	10cm (4") and smaller
10	Manufacturer Small Bear Dressed/Costumed	Over 10cm (4") up to and including 35.5cm (14")
11	Manufacturer Small Bear Undressed	Over 10cm (4") up to and including 35.5cm (14")
12	Manufacturer Large Bear Dressed/Costumed	Larger than 35.5cm (14")
13	Manufacturer Large Bear Undressed	Larger than 35.5cm (14")
14	Manufacturer Bear Friend	Any size, dressed/undressed friend – no bears

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mohair, fur fabric or real fur hide. May be jointed, non-jointed or partially jointed.

- Category 8 - may be made in any material or a combination of traditional and non-traditional materials. Non traditional materials must comprise more than 30% of the bear/friend.
- Friends – a soft sculpted friend resembling any animal or fantasy animal other than a bear. May be jointed or non-jointed and of any material.
- Dressed/costumed versus Undressed - A bear wearing one accessory is considered undressed. If the accessory covers one third or less of the bear it is considered undressed. If the bear is dyed or different mohair or fabrics are used in such a way as to portray a character or to appear in costume the bear is considered dressed. Costumes and outfits should be handmade by the artist or a collaborator who is acknowledged.
- Wings are considered to be dressed or costumed.
- Dolls – may only accompany a bear as a prop.

Measurements

- Bears and friends should be measured standing from top of head to heels excluding ears.
- Sitting bears should be measured from top of head (excluding ears) to bottom of body and then full length of legs added.
- Realistic bears on all fours should be measured from nose to tail.

Eligibility

- While artists and manufacturers may enter any category more than once they may only be nominated once.
- All creations entered must be for sale or sold.
- Any entries that are found to be substantially similar to previous pieces produced by the manufacturer or artist may be disqualified unless proof is produced of substantial changes in size, materials and/or costume.

Entry Requirements

- Each entry must be accompanied by a full fee. All entry forms, contact information, waivers and affidavits must be signed.
- Each bear must have a separate Entry Form and individual photos.
- Entry fees for 2009 are AUD\$70 and each additional bear \$20.
- Each nominated entry must be posted to Australia at the entrant's cost but will be returned at Australian Bear Creations' cost.
- If a bear is entered by other than the artist or manufacturer, i.e. a retailer, the entry form must be signed or be accompanied by a letter from the artist or representative of the manufacturer authorizing the entry.

Photographs

- Each entry must be accompanied by 3 to 5 colour photographs. The size should be 10 x 15 cm (4" x 6"). You must have at least one full

length shot of the bear back and front and a close-up of the face. The others may show the bear seated and any close-ups showing other detail. Photos must be of good quality with high resolution. Photos may be submitted on disc but a waiver must be signed acknowledging that they will be printed, if necessary, on our equipment. No other formats or styles will be accepted.

- Entries must be photographed on a plain, flat, solid coloured background. Nothing should accompany the bear/friend that will not be sold with it.
- Each bear/friend should be photographed separately. Do not group your entries.
- Photographs should be labeled with a self stick label. Information on the back should include. Bear name, artist or manufacturer name, category number.
- Each photo on a disc entry should be named with bear name, artist surname/manufacturer name, category number.
- Photos and discs are non-returnable and Australian Bear Creations Awards reserves the right to use all the photos for publicity and editorial as necessary either in the magazine, online or otherwise.

General

No discussion or disputes will be entered into and the judges' decisions are final.

**AUSTRALIAN BEAR CREATION AWARDS
ENTRY FORM**

Category Number:

1. Entry Name: 2. Height:

3. Retail Price: AUD\$..... US\$.....

4. Joints: jointed multi-jointed non-jointed partially jointed

5. Date of design

6. Materials

Head

Body

Paws

Stuffing

Eyes.....

7. Dressed/ Costumed – Describe materials and techniques:

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8. Costume designed and made by:

9. Additional Comments – on materials or techniques used:

10. Accessories – Comments:

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11. Edition Size: Max..... Min.....

One of a Kind.....

12. Photos (tick those provided)

Front Shot Close up Face Back Shot Close-up Detail Other

13. Disc Included (circle one) Yes / No

14. Hard Copy Included (circle one) Yes / No

1. Please tape a full body photo of your bear here. This is not included in your entry count but is for office purposes only.
2. Please ensure your hard copy photos have a self sticking label on the back with your
 - Entry name
 - Your name
 - Category number
 - 1/3 or 1/5 (photo number)
3. Disc photos should be captioned with the same information if possible
i.e. teddy smith 5 1of 3
4. Please attach envelopes containing disc and photos to the Entry Forms!

WAIVER

I have supplied photos on disc only. I understand that if Woodlands Publishing needs to print from this disc for judging purposes that the quality may not equal that of a professional printer.

Signature Date

Printed Signature.....

Please Note – We have asked entries to be supplied in two formats as judging may take place as a slide show done from the computer or failing that by actual photo. We therefore suggest that both formats be supplied if possible. Please attach envelopes containing both disc and photos to this form.

All entries sent via email: adcopy@woodlandspublishing.com.au or PO Box 8035 , Glenmore Park NSW 2745



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