

# **WOMEN AND THE ARTS**

#### PAINTING AND SCULPTURE

- Half of the world's artists are female, but **only 30%** of works in museums and galleries around the world are by women.<sup>1</sup>
- Top-ranking female artists sell their work for around \$2-3 million per piece. Top-ranking male artists get closer to \$10-20 million per piece.<sup>2</sup>
- The top 10 artists at auction in 2013 were all men.<sup>3</sup>
- 61.7% of the art college undergraduates to obtain a degree in 2011-12 were women.<sup>4</sup>

## **MUSIC/FILM PRODUCTION**

- More than 95% of record producers and sound engineers worldwide are men.<sup>5</sup>
- **51%** of women working in Film and Television production in Australia have a Bachelor Degree or higher, compared to **37%** of men.<sup>6</sup>
- However, only **37%** of women working in Film and Television production in Australia earn over \$65,000 per annum, compared to **47%** of men.<sup>7</sup>

#### WRITING

- Since the Miles Franklin Award began in Australia in 1957, a woman has won **only 15** times.<sup>8</sup>
- Since the inception of the Stella Prize (open to women only), women have won the Miles Franklin Prize in both 2012 and again in 2013, with 2013 featuring the first-ever, **all-female shortlist**.9

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Screen Australia, Proportion of men and women with various levels of qualifications by industry, 1996–2011.

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## **THEATRE**

- Of the 29 Major Performing Arts theatre company boards in Australia, only one woman holds the position of chairperson. 10
- The amount of women in creative leadership roles in the live theatre industry in Australia has **diminished over the last decade.** <sup>11</sup>
- Only 36% of productions in the Major Performing Arts companies have a woman in one
  of the two key creative leadership roles. 12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Australian Council for the Arts Arts Organisations http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/about/structure/arts\_organisations. Accessed on 6 March 2014.

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