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Award-winning images of the sky on display at Sydney Observatory



Some of the most spectacular images of the sky are now on display at Sydney Observatory, as part of the touring exhibition *The David Malin Awards*.

The display features the winners and selected entries of this annual photography competition named after the world-renowned astrophotographer and competition judge Dr David Malin.

Amateur astronomers and photographers from around Australia were invited to take part in the prestigious Awards, organised by the Central West Astronomical Society as part of their annual AstroFest held at Parkes in July.

This year's competition saw a record number of entries across three categories: Wide-field (camera shots), Deep Sky (telescope shots) and Solar System objects. The photographs were judged in two sections - *amateur* and *semi-professional*.

Entries were judged not only for their technical skill but also their ability to capture the beauty of the sky and the intrinsic interest of astronomy.

The photographs on display at Sydney Observatory are appearing alongside some of the world's very first astrophotographs, taken by the Observatory's then astronomer Henry Chamberlain Russell in the early 1890s. Some of Russell's images contain the very same astronomical objects taken by this year's Award entrants, clearly demonstrating the evolution of photographic technology.

The David Malin Awards will be on show at Sydney Observatory in The Rocks until November 2005 and entry is free.

Event: The David Malin Awards
Date: Until November 2005
Venue: Sydney Observatory
Watson Road, Observatory Hill, The Rocks
Time: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Contact: 9241 3767
Website: www.sydneyobservatory.com.au

Image: 'Aurora Borealis Angel' by Russell Cockman, winner of the Amateur Wide Field category.

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