



BLACK SWAN PRIZE FOR PORTRAITURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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PMH YOUTH ART WORKSHOPS FOCUS ON PORTRAITS

Youth patients at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) will be learning how to paint a portrait on Tuesday 13 September 2016, using pastels to draw Channel Ten media personality Narelda Jacobs.

This is the key event in a series of workshops that young patients at PMH have been participating in over the last month. Thanks to the generous support of Westpac Community Foundation Grants young patients, instructed by specialist portrait artists, have had the opportunity to learn new skills. These workshops are a collaboration between the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture and the Starlight Children's Foundation Livewire program.

Livewire is delivered within PMH offering hospitalised young people aged 12 to 19 a fun and interactive space to distract them from their illness.

The collaboration between the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture and Starlight has been running for eight years. Previous portrait subjects include sportspeople Adam Gilchrist and Aaron Sandilands, media personalities Dixie Marshall, Natalia Cooper and Angela Tsun, musician John Butler and Oscar winning artist Shaun Tan.

The artist instructing the patients for this year's celebrity portrait is local artist Caroline Marinovich, a previous finalist in the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture and well-known portrait artist.

ARTrinsic Inc Executive Director Tina Wilson said that 'we are proud to be part of the Livewire program, and to add another element of creative instruction to their existing art program. Each year we enjoy finding a celebrity portrait subject, and would like to thank Narelda for her valuable time this year. It is such a fun workshop for everyone involved'.

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‘The works that are produced by the youth artists at PMH are impressive, and will be on display during the Youth Award Exhibition for the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture’, Tina said.

The Youth Award Exhibition will be at Tower 1, Brookfield Place – 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth from Monday 3 October 2016 for three weeks. A follow up printed exhibition will be on display at the Perth Cultural Centre from 18-31 October 2016.

40 adult finalist portraiture works will be on public display at WA’s State Art Gallery as part Portraiture Month from 8 – 31 October, 2016. These artists are vying for \$70,000 worth of prizes.

The Black Swan Prize for Portraiture is brought to the WA public by ARTrinsic Inc – a not-for-profit organisation made up of dedicated people who are passionate about promoting and supporting visual arts in WA. It is the third richest prize in Australia behind the Archibald and Moran competitions. Artists were invited to submit portraits of an Australian, or Australians that they respect or admire.

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EXHIBITION DETAILS

Main Exhibition

Dates: 8 - 31 October, 2016

Times: 10:00am - 5:00pm daily (except for Tuesdays which is closed)

Location: Art Gallery of WA, Perth Cultural Centre, WA.

Cost: Free to attend

An electronic display of the exhibitions will also be displayed at the new City of Perth library as well as the big screen at the Perth Cultural Centre, the cultural heart of the City.

Youth Award Exhibition

Dates: 3 - 21 October, 2016 (original artworks)

Times: 8:00am - 6:00pm weekdays only

Location: Tower 1, Brookfield Place, 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA

Cost: Free to attend

Original artworks will be on display at Brookfield Place, whilst a printed exhibition of youth artworks will be showcased at the Perth Cultural Centre from 18 - 31 October, 2016.

Salon des Refusés

Dates: 3 - 21 October, 2016

Times: 8:00am - 6:00pm weekdays only

Location: Tower 2, Brookfield Place, 125 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA

Cost: Free to attend

Touring Exhibition

Dates: 7 November – 7 December, 2016 (TBC)

Times: Open hospital hours

Location: St John of God Hospitals: Murdoch, Midland and Subiaco campuses.

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