



BLACK SWAN PRIZE FOR PORTRAITURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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YOUTH AWARD ON THE RISE

Now celebrating its 10th year, the prestigious Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Youth Awards is attracting submissions from students throughout Australia to be part of WA's only portrait prize.

Last year more than 140 students entered the awards, which also attracted a record number of adult entries. Submissions close on Friday 22 July, 2016 5:00pm WST.

Prizes for the students in years 7 – 12 are awarded in three age group categories with winners receiving a gift voucher and the two runner-ups receiving art packs from Perth art supplier HU Kendall and Co, long time sponsors of the Youth Award and supporters of artists in WA.

Schools are also eligible to win some fantastic prizes thanks to the generosity of the Squire Patton Boggs Art Foundation, full or half-day sessions with a professional artist from the adult portrait competition.

In 2015, Lake Joondalup Baptist College and John XXIII College were recipients of these full and half day artist workshops respectively.

Louise Hoy, Art Teacher at John XXIII College, said that 'our students have entered the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Youth Awards for the past seven years, and it has been a great competition to be involved with. Portraiture is very popular amongst the students, particularly self portraits, and to have a competition like this to aim for is a great incentive'.

Artists are invited to submit portraits of an Australian, or Australians that they respect or admire, or a self portrait. A full list of terms and artists conditions is available via www.blackswanprize.com.au. The Youth finalists will be announced at a special Award Night on Wednesday 19 October, 2016.

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The student finalist original artworks will be showcased at 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.

ARTrinsic Inc, the creators and organisers of the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, is partnering with the Art Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA) as part of its ten-year celebrations.

More than 400 artists are expected to enter the adult competition this year, all vying for the \$50,000 first prize donated by The Lester Group, and the \$7,500 People's Choice Award.

The adult finalist portraiture works will be on public display at WA's State Art Gallery as part of AGWA's Portraiture Month from 8– 31 October, 2016. Adult submissions are also closing on Friday 22 July, 2016 5:00pm WST.

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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 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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