



BLACK SWAN PRIZE FOR PORTRAITURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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YOUTH FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR WA PORTRAIT PRIZE

44 youth finalists from 39 schools throughout Australia have been announced in the prestigious Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Youth Awards.

This year 167 entries were received for WA's only portrait prize that is now celebrating its 10th year anniversary.

Last year more than 140 students entered the awards.

The youth finalists will be announced at a special Award Night on Wednesday 19 October, 2016.

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.

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

Tina Wilson, Executive Director of ARTrinsic Inc said that “we are continually inspired by the quality of the entries created by Australia’s young artists. The youth finalist’s works show outstanding creativity, technical ability and are a delight to view, both for the judges as well as the public.”

The youth 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.

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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.

40 adult artists were also announced as finalists and will now be vying for \$70,000 worth of prizes -including the main \$50,000 Lester Group Prize, \$10,000 Toni Fini Foundation Artist Prize, the \$7,500 Amana Living People's Choice Prize and two Highly Commended \$500 gift vouchers from HU Kendall & Co.

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, with the main prizes to be announced at an award night on 14 October, 2016. The People's Choice Prize will be presented at a dedicated event towards the close of the exhibition.

The proud sponsors/partners of the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture are:

The Art Gallery of WA (Exhibition Partner), The City of Perth (Presentation Partner), The Lester Group (Founding Partner), Amana Living (People's Choice Prize), Tony Fini Foundation (Artist Prize), Lotterywest, The Ian Potter Foundation, Brookfield, St John of God Health Care, Deloitte, Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority, Westpac Community Foundation, Spinifex Trust, Forbes Partners, HU Kendall & Co, Squire Patton Boggs Youth Arts Foundation, Artsedge Photo and Frame, Mondoluce, WASP, Jaz Design, International Art Services, The Lions Club City of Perth, Alex Hotel, Singapore Airlines, Abbott & Co Printers, Heyder & Shears.

High-resolution images of the youth finalist works are available upon request.

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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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