



BLACK SWAN PRIZE FOR PORTRAITURE

MEDIA RELEASE

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YOUTH WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR WA PORTRAIT PRIZE

Mairead Chapman, a year 12 student from John XXIII College self portrait titled 'A Deserving Victim' has taken out the top prize at the 2016 Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Youth Award.

The Youth Award winners were announced last night at a special function at Brookfield Place, where all of the finalists' works are on display to the public until 21 October 2016.

An outdoor exhibition of the Youth Award artwork is also on display at Perth Cultural Centre from 19 – 31 October 2016, proudly supported by Lotterywest and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority.

Mairead was awarded a \$500 voucher from art supplier HU Kendall & Co. Lara Sawyer from Iona Presentation College and Keirah Falkner from Thornbury High School in Victoria were second and third respectively.

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 were eligible to win a prize of full or half-day workshops with a professional artist from the adult portrait competition, thanks to the generosity of the Squire Patton Boggs Youth Art Foundation. This year Willetton Senior High School and Swan Christian College were the lucky recipients.

Winners were also announced for the Hospital Division, as sponsored by Lions Club City of Perth, Connie Gugich and Alex Norvilas. Thanks to the generous support of Westpac Community Foundation Grants and Spinifex Trust, and a collaboration with Starlight Children's Foundation Livewire program, young patients were instructed by specialist portrait artists.

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For a full list of winners, please see below.

Yr 11 - 12

1st Prize	Mairead Chapman - A Deserving Victim	John XX111 College
2nd Prize	Lara Sawyer - The Decaying Kind	Iona Presentation College
3rd Prize	Kierah Falkner 'Babbel - Smile	Thornbury High School
Highly commended	Molly Holohan - Finbar	Iona Presentation College

Yr 9 -10

1st Prize	Samuel Torres - Nadine	International School of WA
2nd Prize – joint	Izabella Kitching - Human	Mt Lawley Senior High School
2nd Prize – joint	Lucy Li - An Australian Poet	Mt Lawley Senior High School
3rd Prize	Alice Wu - Self Portrait	Willeton Senior High School

Yr 7-8

1st Prize	Margaux Remo - Self Portrait	John Curtin College of the Arts
2nd Prize	Ben Buchanan – Luka	Mt Lawley Senior High School
3rd Prize	James Medland - Self Portrait after Van Gogh	St James College
Highly Commended	Matilda Griffin- self portrait	Hunter School of the Performing Arts
Highly Commended	Miles Bettis -Mop	John Curtin College of the Arts

Hospital Winners:

Yrs 11-12 1st Prize	Olivia H - Finding Faith
Yrs 11-12 2nd Prize	Jade G - Girl with Flower
Yrs 11-12 3rd Prize	Sienna C - Ascending
Encouragement Prize	Ryan B - Me Mouthy
Encouragement Prize	Abbey G - The Climb
Yrs 7-10 1st Prize	Rochelle H - Bead of Ryan
Yrs 7-10 2nd Prize	Lauren S - Skyler

The main exhibition of the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture is currently on display at the Art Gallery of WA, as part of Portrait Month until 31 October 2017. The exhibition will be toured at three St John of God Hospital sites from 7 November – 4 December 2017.

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The public still have an opportunity to vote in the \$7,500 Amana Living People's Choice Prize, which closes on Monday 24 October 2016 at 5:00pm, with the winner being announced on the evening of 26 October 2016.

The Black Swan Prize for Portraiture 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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