



IMPRESSIVE YOUTH ART WORKS VIE FOR BLACK SWAN ART PRIZE

As part of the prestigious Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, the Youth competition is open to young artists from years 7-12 competing for \$2,000 worth of prizes proudly donated by H.U. Kendall & Co. The 40 youth finalists have been announced today: 30 finalists from years 10 – 12 category and 10 finalists from years 7-9 category. The winner of the Youth award will be announced at a dedicated awards evening on 23 September 2015.

A record number of 135 young artists from 32 schools entered WA's only portrait prize, showcasing their creative talents by painting a portrait of a well known Australian; an Australian they respect/admire; or a self portrait.

This highly regarded competition is now in its ninth year, and is growing in popularity each year, as there were a record number of adult entries (375) as well this year. 40 adult finalists chosen at the end of July 2015 are now vying for the \$50,000 main prize money donated by The Lester Group, and \$7,500 People's Choice Awards to be announced on 1 October 2015.

The youth finalists portraiture works in addition to the 40 adult finalists will be on display to the public from 24 September – 4 October 2015 at 137 St Georges Terrace Perth (Linton & Kay Gallery), proudly presented by City of Perth. The majority of the works will be for sale.

Participating school's have an opportunity to be awarded the Squire Patton Boggs School Prize initiative, where two lucky schools will win artists workshops for 2016 valued at \$1,500.

Throughout the year ARTinsic Inc also coordinates the Hawaiian Youth Hospital Competition where adolescents at Starlight Livewire at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children have the opportunity to create portraits, distracting them from their illness and helping to build confidence. Over \$2,000 worth of prizes are awarded in this category, proudly sponsored by Hawaiian and the City of Perth Lions Club.

Tina Wilson, Executive Director from ARTinsic Inc, the not-for-profit organisation who brings the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture to the WA public said that 'the artworks this year are outstanding, particularly the self portraits and our judging panel were really impressed. The works get more innovative every year. It's interesting to note that in the Youth section a huge amount of females have been painted this year, in contrast to the adult section where so many men were painted'.

The Black Swan Youth Prize is made possible through the generosity of key sponsors: City of Perth, Squire Patton Boggs, Hawaiian, Arts Brookfield, HU Kendall & Co and Art Spectrum, Thompson Estate, City of Perth Lions Club.

For the full list of the 2015 Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Youth finalists, visit
www.blackswanprize.com.au

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BLACK SWAN PRIZE

EXHIBITION/EVENT DETAILS

Venue: Portraiture Prize: 137 St Georges Terrace, Perth (Venue: Linton & Kay Galleries)
24 September – 4 October (M-F 10-5, Sat – Sun 11-4)

Salon des Refusés: 125 St Georges Terrace, Brookfield Place
14 September – 2 October (weekdays only)

Entry: Free

Voting: Voting for the \$7,500 People’s Choice Prize, awarded to one artist in person at the exhibition. Voters are in the running to win a weekend overnight stay in a King Deluxe guestroom with buffet breakfast in the Adelphi Grill, proudly sponsored by Parmelia Hilton.

Voting for the \$1,000 SJOGHC Online People’s Choice Prize, awarded to one artist. All voting closes at 5:00pm on the 1 October, 2015.

Exhibition

Dates: Thursday 24 September – Sunday 4 October. Winner Announced 23 September.



2015 Finalist (years 10 – 12)

Title: Human Nature

Artist : Amy Stewart

Medium : Watercolour on Paper



2015 Finalist (years 10-12)

Title : Dreamer

Artist : Georgia Chamberlain

Medium : Mixed (acrylic, gouache, art line pen, permanent marker, glitter, canvas, paper)



2015 Finalist (years 7-9)

Title : Noor

Artist : Noor Iqbal

Medium : Charcoal

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