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10 year old artist likened to world-renowned professional wins prestigious ASG Art Award

For 10 year old Janavika Hingorani painting provides her with a canvas for her emotions, admitting that she "gets submerged while creating".

That's probably why her painting of the 'Vivid Reindeer', bears strong influences of Belarusian painter Leonid Afremov, known for his skill with a palette knife and oil paint.

The majestic and colourful reindeer based on the colours of nature, epitomises passion for creativity and quickly captured the judge's attention, being selected from more than 2000 entries to receive the ASG Art Award (painting).

Janavika who attends Jasper Road Public school in Baulkham Hills, NSW, will fly to Melbourne with her family to graciously accept her accolade on Saturday 25 November, 2017.

The young artist says she's got a wonderful support network around her to keep her motivated.

"All my teachers, family and friends support and inspire me, while my art teacher Jaya encourages me to develop my skills and imagination."

The awards are an initiative of the Children's Charity Network (CCN), an organisation that helps build confidence and self-esteem in children. ASG has been supporting CCN since 2003.

ASG Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis says Janavika's artwork is contemporary beyond her years and shows exciting skill.

"I congratulate Janavika and all the ASG students who are very deserving of these awards. ASG is passionate about helping children and young students embrace their talent and creativity to achieve their goals and aspire to even greater things in the future.

"It's also really encouraging to hear comments from these students that they're being supported, encouraged and challenged by their teachers, school principals and friends. This collaboration between teachers, parents and schools is fundamental as revealed in the latest [ASG Parents Report Card](#) to ensure the continuation of learning and development in both the school and home environments."

Other ASG award recipients were:

ASG Art Award – drawing (Prep-grade 4): Claire Ah-Chok

ASG Literary Award (Poetry): Georgia Ryan

ASG Literary Award (story): Jana Nguyen

ASG Indigenous Art Award: Tyler Sillery-Maxwell

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