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Youth Creative Competition 2024 winners announced

City of Ryde's second annual Youth Creative Competition has once again uncovered some incredibly talented young artists and writers.

This year's competition, for artists and writers aged 12 to 24 who live, work, or study in the Council area, provides an opportunity for talented young creatives to achieve important recognition and exposure.

Winners for 2024 were announced on 20 November 2024 at Lachlan's Line Auditorium, where the exceptional entries enchanted the judges.

City of Ryde Mayor Trenton Brown praised this year's theme, 'Health and Wellbeing,' for inspiring entrants.

"We challenged our young creatives to interpret the theme through their chosen medium and express it in their distinct way," Mayor Brown said.

"With a brilliant use of skills and imagination they have created some deeply meaningful and captivating work in a competition that showcases the truly remarkable depth of talent in our fast-growing youth community."

A strong field of entries was received across both art and writing categories.

In the art category, entrants submitted images of paintings, drawings, photographs, digital artworks, collages or short film.

Writers submitted short stories, fan fiction, poems, reviews, or other prose pieces up to a maximum of 1,000 words.

The winners were:

Art Category

12 - 15 years

Winner - Cathy Chen - *P(m)e(n)tal illness*

Runner Up - Zoha Ali - *Escapism*

Highly Commended - Veronica Nguyen - *Can't Remember*

16 - 19 years

Winner - Flora Gao - *Refractions*

Runner Up - Jessica Liu - *Sweet Illusion*

Highly Commended - Gabriel Gao - *Everything Everyhair All At Once*

20 - 24 years

Winner - Stephanie Henderson - *I can't wait not to go home*

Writing Category

12 - 15 years

Winner – Sophia Shi - *Under those couch cushions*

Runner Up - Grace Anderson - *She Was Enough*

Highly Commended - Lucas Faro-Ber - *THE VISION OF CAMUS*

16 - 19 years

Winner - Amelia Mayne - *The Anatomy of Colour*

Runner Up - Rozana Eshghighadiri - *2 eggs with yolks intact*

Highly Commended - Tahlia Hall - *Passing Storms*

20 - 24 years

Winner - Thuhashini Celia Thirimanna - *Melanin and Mental Illness*

Runner Up - Audrey Elia Fallone - *Bug Bites*

More information about the winning entries can be found at

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeComp

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