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AUTUMN DE FOREST APPEARS AT PGA VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Autumn Donates Artwork to Valspar CEO Gary Hendrickson
for Corporate Collection



Autumn at work on Official Painting for PGA Valspar Championship

Los Angeles, Ca April 2014: Child prodigy, Autumn de Forest, made a very special appearance at this year's PGA Valspar Championship, which took place at the Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor March 10-16, 2014. Autumn had been chosen as the keynote speaker at the Gala, as well as a speaker and participant in numerous events surrounding the Pro-Am golf championship,

including a special appearance with Valspar CEO Gary Hendrickson at the Gala, Pro-Am Pairings and a special art class which she taught for the children of the PGA Tour professionals participating in the Valspar Championship.



Autumn presents "Valspar Heart" at Gala

Furthermore, Autumn served as the "Artist of the Valspar Championship Gala" created an original oil entitled "Valspar Heart" which she presented to Valspar CEO Gary Hendrickson for their corporate offices, and created "Dripping Golf" for the PGA and it's sponsor, Valspar Paints that was auctioned and all proceeds from the auction and sale of the piece were donated to Habitat For Humanity, www.valsparglobal.com/about/habitat_for_humanity.jsp a philanthropy that Valspar has donated over 60 million dollars in cash and in-kind donations.

Autumn was chosen for inclusion by Valspar...quite simply because of their shared vision of philanthropy and dedication to making the world around her a far better place.



“Dripping Golf” 2014
Autumn de Forest

Broadcast Coverage:

POSITIVELY TAMPA BAY: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvi9T0SyXYg>

WTSP: <http://www.wtsp.com/video/default.aspx?bctid=3322958234001>

STUDIO 10:

<http://archive.wtsp.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=359501>

It has been an incredible year for the 12 year old prodigy. She was recently selected by P.S. from Aeropostale to be one of the faces of their **2014 Epic Kids PS from Aeropostale** campaign. A stunning billboard featuring Autumn and other young faces was unveiled in Times Square on February 8th 2014. Aeropostale scoured the country in search of exceptional kids; kids who are changing the world with their talents in their respective disciplines. After

narrowing the field of thousands to a handful of candidates, Autumn and four other kids are now the face of Epic Kids.



Autumn de Forest Aeropostale Epic Kids Spring 2013

Autumn is best known for her extraordinary works of art and has been featured in Girls Life Magazine, Time Magazine for Kids, on NBC's Today Show and CNN's show "The Power of She" hosted by Natasha Curry and Robin Meade. Autumn has also appeared on the Hallmark Channel and Discovery Kids. At just 12 years of age, her artistic talent has been compared to that of Picasso, Warhol and Jackson Pollock.



Image: Autumn on Set Aeropostale Shoot - Los Angeles, 2013

Her exhibitions have defined her as one of the most accomplished and recognized artistic prodigies of our time. Her original masterpieces have sold for tens of thousands of dollars, and have been acquired by several major art collectors.

Autumn has been chosen for inclusion by the venerable and highly-regarded Park West Gallery; the youngest Artist ever to have their artwork exhibited in its carefully curated Collections.

Autumn's work is presented in the very good company of Park West's Modern Masters Picasso, Miro, and Chagall, and alongside iconic artists Peter Max and Salvador Dali. www.parkwestgallery.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p4SmieCjNI>

Autumn is also very active in philanthropic endeavors. Autumn insists upon supporting charitable and humanitarian efforts including arts education, and has created an original work of art that was unveiled and dedicated to the victims of Super Storm Sandy this past July 4th, at which time Governor Christie's personal thank you to Autumn was read to the audience.

The original artwork from which the installation was inspired was just auctioned off in September of 2013, and raised funds for the American Red Cross, which presently and continually aids the New Jersey region in its rebuilding efforts.

The Legacy: Autumn has art in her blood. Family members include painters Roy de Forest (American, 1930-2007), Lockwood de Forest (American, 1850-1932) and George de Forest Brush (American, 1855-1941).

She is also the youngest living descendant of Robert W. de Forest, who was the Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC, and under whose tenure the American Wing of the Museum was built.

“The art of Autumn de Forest already exhibits a maturity and depth that many artists never achieve. She is an amazing person, an avid reader and a sponge for all that is good around her. She and her parents have chosen me to be her art dealer. It truly is a serious responsibility but more so a blessing”. Albert Scaglione – Founder & CEO Park West Gallery

Since a very early age, Autumn has been featured in the national and international press; recognized as an extraordinary talent; a skilled and passionate Artist, a young humanitarian, and a young girl with an unbridled passion to create.



The Artist

One conversation with Autumn de Forest convinces one they are in the presence of an incredible talent and an old soul. "We had heard about Autumn and seen several online videos featuring her, but we were still amazed the first time we had the opportunity to speak and see her artwork," says one gallerist, "She is so poised, incredibly smart, and genuinely obsessed with painting. Yet, she recognizes that there is so much more to her art – it is the way she communicates and connects with people. And most importantly, she realizes that she has a gift and was meant to share her art and her message with the world."



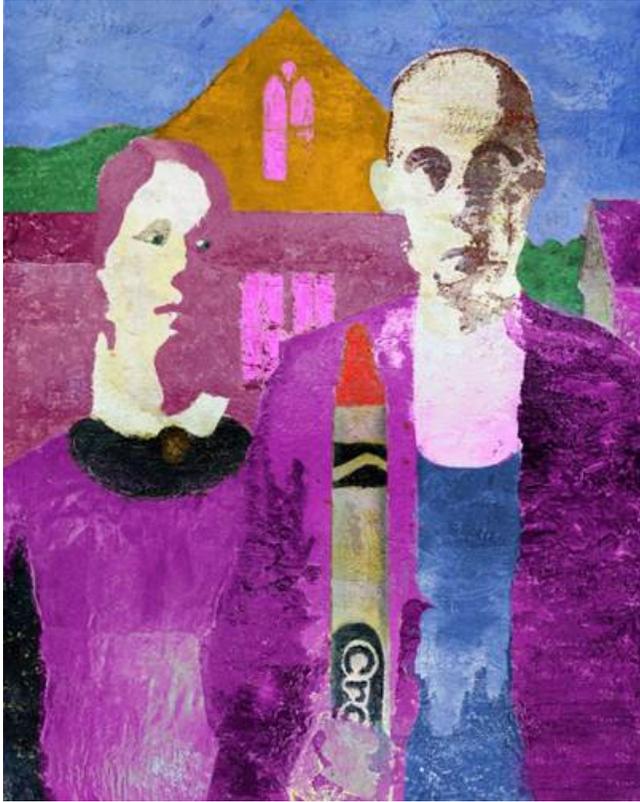
"BARBIE MARILYN"



"TIMES SQUARE"

Autumn eloquently tells the story of how she began painting when she was five years old. "I had been through my toddler phase, so I wanted to do something to help the world – to change the world; so I thought, how about painting? My parents put a blank canvas in front of me and I began creating." Five years later and Autumn compares painting to breathing - she has an inherent passion to paint.

"Autumn de Forest is an Artistic Genius" - The Discovery Channel



"American Graphic"

The young artist's works grace collections worldwide and Autumn had the honor of being the youngest artist ever featured at the National Art Education Association's annual convention, where she appeared along with art world legends such as Peter Max and Chuck Close. Matt Lauer interviewed Autumn on the *Today Show*, The Discovery Channel profiled her as a child genius, and many other television programs have featured the young talent, including *Inside Edition*, ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC News. *American Girl Magazine*, *Parenting*, and *Huffington Post* are just a few of the print publications that have spotlighted Autumn.

For more information, visit www.autumndeforest.com

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