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## **Carver Center sophomore named one of 10 finalists in National Portrait Gallery's Teen Portraiture Competition**

Towson, MD – Sydney McDonald, a Grade 10 student at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, has been named one of 10 finalists in [The Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery Teen Portraiture Competition](#). Her photograph, "Silenced," will be featured on the National Portrait Gallery's website starting Friday, July 29, 2022.

As a finalist, McDonald is being considered for one of two grand prizes. Grand prize winners will be announced on Friday, July 22, and their portraits will be on view in the museum starting Friday, July 29.

The 2022 Teen Portraiture Competition invited artists ages 13 - 17 throughout the nation to create and submit photographic portraits to the juried competition. The annual competition is designed to encourage teens to explore ways to represent identity through portraiture.

The finalists were selected by the National Portrait Gallery's Teen Museum Council, Curator of Photographs Leslie Ureña, Education Specialist Irina Rubenstein, and guest jurors.

*(Editor's note: An image of McDonald's work accompanies this release.)*

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