

MIND'S EYE

Art Across the Spectrum

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“I’m a man with a perfect eye. An eye that can see what no one can see. An eye that sees emotion in every sight of the world and I use my artistic talents to bring that emotion to life. It seems to me there is so much wonder in the world. I believe if you look hard enough there are more wonders in the world than a man can dream of.”

—Harrison Heinks, age 16

Harrison Heinks uses his artistic talents in his photography and sculpture. Last year, he won a National Scholastic award for his sculpture called *Homeless Shoes*. He also won two Minnesota Scholastic gold keys for photography and multiple silver keys and honorable mentions for photography, sculpture and ceramics. The Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards are the most prestigious awards for creative teens in the United States.

“My autism is my creativity,” Harrison says. “When I look at

things, my autism sees it from another point of view. My autism sees emotions in art and that is how I best express myself.”

Harrison’s mom, Kari, says, “Harrison amazes me every day, and he has such a kind and magical soul.”

Harrison Heinks was part of the Art of Autism’s “Autism Unveiled” project and his picture *Scents of the Past* has been selected for the 2016 Art of Autism calendar. When asked about his photograph, Harrison replied, “Can’t you smell the scents of the past?” ◀

Harrison Heinks is a contributor to:



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▲ *SCENTS OF THE PAST*—Harrison composed the flowers in this photograph after his grandmother's funeral.

▼ *LOST RING OF KEYS*—caption

