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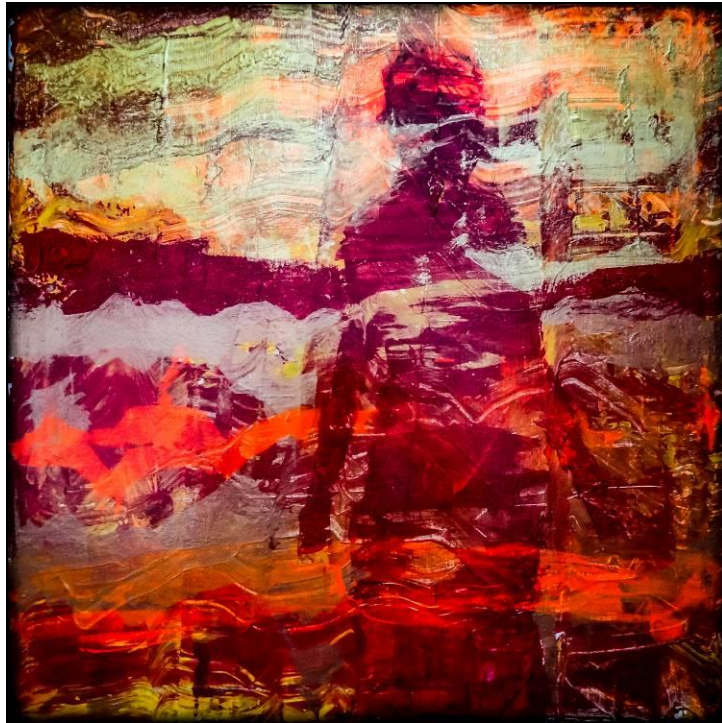
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**CHILD PRODIGY, AUTUMN DE FOREST, RETURNS TO STONE HARBOR**

*Ocean Galleries welcomes back the 14-year-old artist with new collection of artwork*

STONE HARBOR, NJ – July 6, 2016 – She has been called “one of the most important artists of her generation” by the Walt Disney Company and “a creative genius” by the Discovery Channel. [Ocean Galleries](http://www.OceanGalleries.com) (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor/609.368.7777) is delighted to welcome back the incredible, young artist **Autumn de Forest**.

“Autumn de Forest – The Journey Continues” opens at Ocean Galleries on **Friday, August 5** and runs through **Sunday, August 7, 2016** from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily, with all artwork available for acquisition. Guests will have the opportunity to meet Autumn de Forest when she signs purchased artwork from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM on **Friday, August 5** and **Saturday, August 6**, and from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on **Sunday, August 7**.



*Ocean Portrait*, Copyright Autumn de Forest

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Autumn de Forest has been a professional painter for more than half her young life and has had an incredible journey. At the age of ten, Autumn held her very first solo exhibition at Ocean Galleries and has had a whirlwind of projects and new artwork since then. Often described as a child prodigy, the talented 14-year-old artist made history this spring as the youngest painter ever to have a solo museum exhibition when her works were displayed at the Butler Institute of American Art (Butler, PA). "Autumn de Forest gives us hope for the future of American art," said Dr. Louis Zona, Executive Director and Chief Curator for the Butler Institute of American Art.

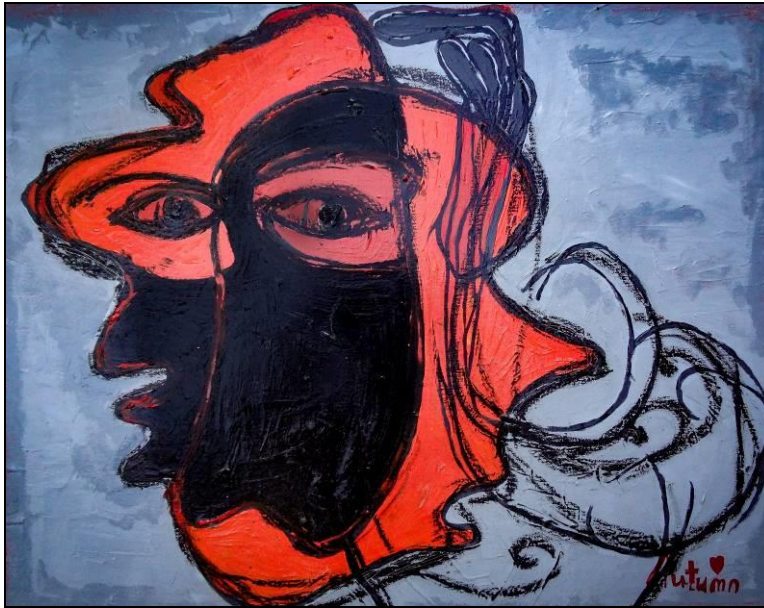
Her wide-ranging projects have included creating artwork for a line of Converse Chuck Taylor All Stars™ (sold exclusively at Nordstrom stores nationwide) and being honored by the Vatican for her creativity, humanitarianism, and charitable works. This past year, Autumn was extended a private audience with Pope Francis, where she presented him with her painting "Resurrection," which now resides in the Vatican.



Pope Francis receiving Autumn de Forest's painting "Resurrection"

The multitalented and poised teen artist has commissioned six-figure works of art and has garnered national and international acclaim for her imaginative artwork. Her artistic style has been compared to iconic abstract painters including Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock, and Pablo Picasso. In fact, at The Butler Institute of American Art, Autumn's paintings hang among artworks by these very Masters. Autumn's exhibition at [Ocean Galleries](https://www.oceangalleries.com) will feature a collection of all new artwork, with many paintings created specifically for the show.

“We were fortunate to have met Autumn when she was only nine-years-old and were extremely impressed by her amazing talent. It was clear to us that Autumn was immensely gifted,” said gallery owner Kim Miller. “Over the past few years, Autumn has continued to develop as an artist, using her talents to communicate and connect to people.”



*Many Faces*, Copyright Autumn de Forest

Although most recognized for her artwork, Autumn has always had an innate ability to inspire those around her with the wonder of creativity and the beauty of self-expression. Miller added, “She is very much at ease sharing her articulate inspirations, observations, and insights with adults and children alike.” Since she was a young child, Autumn has been extremely compassionate about helping the world with her art. She has traveled the country speaking on the importance of arts in education and continually uses her artwork to raise funds for charitable organizations.

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*This is Not a Rose, Copyright Autumn de Forest*

In addition to an extraordinary collection of artwork and custom-framing, Ocean Galleries also offers a variety of hand-made crafts from local, regional, and national artists in America, such as glass, pottery, jewelry, and furniture. **All summer exhibitions take place at the Stone Harbor location of Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue), which is open from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM daily throughout the summer.** The Avalon, NJ location of Ocean Galleries (2199 Ocean Drive) is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For more information or directions, call **609-368-7777** or visit **[www.oceangalleries.com](http://www.oceangalleries.com)**

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For more than 30 years, Ocean Galleries has provided quality art by contemporary artists to their clients while practicing the highest standards of credibility and integrity in a comfortable and unpretentious atmosphere. With locations in Stone Harbor and Avalon, New Jersey, the distinguished art galleries feature an ever-changing display of artwork that includes local artists' watercolors, nationally recognized artists' originals, popular beach prints, and limited editions. Ocean Galleries also carries fine furniture and hand-made crafts from America and around the world. Both locations have on-premises custom framing with design specialists and professional framers who can offer a wide selection of mouldings and an endless combination of traditional and custom-designed matting to complement and preserve any art. For more information, please call 609.368.7777 or visit [www.oceangalleries.com](http://www.oceangalleries.com)