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## Art For The Heart

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# a star is born... *Olivia Young*



**ART** is extraordinary, unique, and talent is found in the most uncommon places. When you think “artist” one of the last things that could come to mind is an 11-year old, 5th grader equipped with a piece of paper, pencil, and purposeful vision. Olivia Young is an artist based out of Los Angeles and Las Vegas who has been developing her own unique style since she was 5-years old. “For me, art is a passion you can put on a piece of paper. Art is explaining your words in drawings,” she confidently states. Each of her drawings is a story, adorned with vivid colors and radiant characters. Her technique incorporates shadows and three-dimensional pieces that display a carefully and mathematical detailed artistry. The sources of her inspiration are limitless. Olivia says art draw inspiration everywhere. Olivia studies the history of art, naming Leonardo Da Vinci and Picasso as her favorites. She admires aspects of Da Vinci’s works people can overlook; like landscapes and animals. Picasso’s modern style is her favorite period, and she is fascinated by the way in which the shapes, figures, and features in his pieces are mismatched.

She believes he painted in this style because he saw the world much differently than most people. As for future plans, Olivia wants to become a famous

and well-recognized artist, surpassing she says even the artists she admires. Currently, Olivia is remaking the Mona Lisa in her own idiosyncratic style, with plans to make that infamous smile a bit more mysterious, eyes brighter, and the palette more vibrant with an ocean view in the background. Olivia’s advice for young artists is that they should never be discouraged by the opinions of others and, must keep going; never giving up on their dream. “Never ever change the way you look at the world. This is what makes you special. Draw it, paint it as you think it should be. Don’t change your view if you think it tells your story. Your unique vision is your talent.” **BHT**

