



DAYA Olympiad of Art 2026 – Cultural Identity

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ALIAKBAR ADELI

Afghanistan
Adult Category

HONORABLE MENTION



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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Through hyperreal charcoal portraiture, Aliakbar Adeli explores identity, memory, dignity, migration, and belonging. Born and based in Iran, the Afghan artist has participated in national and international exhibitions and art projects since 2022. His ongoing Silent Faces project centers overlooked women and children, while his teaching introduces students to portraiture, drawing, and the precise tonal techniques of hyperreal charcoal work. He received First Place in Painting at the 1st Vatan Mehr Exhibition, organized in collaboration with UNHCR and BAFIA. He also collaborated with the organizers of the 2nd Vatan Mehr Exhibition. His international activities include participation in the Bloom Art Society Online Exhibition in the Netherlands and an online exhibition in Australia.

ABOUT THE ARTWORK

Artwork *Silent Identity*
Year 2021
Discipline Drawing – Charcoal Drawing
Technique / Materials Charcoal – Hyperrealism
Dimensions 50 × 70 cm

