

## Griffin Hon – Graduate of the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students – 2018

Syosset, NY (May 21st, 2018) - Griffin Hon, a 7th grade student at Harry B. Thompson Middle School, has been honored by National PTA for achievement in the 2017-18 National PTA Reflections program. Griffin's artwork, titled "*The Great Drought of Causbotania*" has been recognized with an *National PTA Award of Excellence* in the Film Production category of the middle school division. The award honors imagination, creativity and interpretation of the theme "Within Reach".

"On behalf of NYS PTA, we are overjoyed by this magnificent achievement," said Gracemarie Rozea, the New York State PTA President. "As a National PTA Award of Excellence winner, you will receive a \$200 Young Artist Scholarship, a silver medal and certificate, as well as recognition in the traveling art exhibits and online gallery on their website." Griffin's artwork will be honored in a student showcase in January 22nd, 2019 at the U.S. Department of Education's LBJ Building in Washington, DC.

Each year, the [National PTA Reflections program](#) encourages students of all ages to create and submit original works of art in the medium of their choice—dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography or visual arts—that reflect on the annual theme. There also is a special artist division to provide all students the opportunity to participate in the program. Submissions are reviewed by visual, literary and performing art experts, and students are recognized for their artistic ingenuity in bringing the theme to life.

### About PTA

PTA comprises of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

Please visit the following link to watch Griffin's short film!

<https://youtu.be/sftkhhAdjwA>

