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Young artist teams up with grandmother on new children's book

21 year old Jordan Allard has always loved art. This year, with support from South Australian project Stand & Deliver, Jordan has found a new outlet for their* talent.

Jordan has teamed up with their grandmother Mary Duhne to create a new children's book. *Tail of Two Mice* is a delightful children's Christmas story written by Mary and illustrated by Jordan. It is the story of how two invisible mice saved Christmas.



Illustration by Jordan Allard

“Last year when I started Stand & Deliver I set myself a goal to get a book published. I feel amazed and excited that soon the book will be printed and available for people to buy. Making it with my grandmother is even better,” says Jordan, who identifies with having Autism.

Stand & Deliver is the brainchild of Tutti's Founder and Artistic Director Pat Rix. “I believe that potential employers need to know about the many transferable skills artists possess,” says Ms Rix.

Media Release

Over the past year, 26 emerging and experienced disabled artists in the Stand & Deliver project worked with Catherine Fitzgerald and other industry professionals to hone the skills that are essential to attracting interest in their work. The result will be an 80 minute mixed media presentation by the individual artists to be held in early October, 2020.

For Jordan and Mary, this book is a natural product of their own talents and their close connection.

Mary says, "A Grandmother's purpose is to share stories with her grandchildren. This story started with my grandchild Jordan sharing their incredible imagination about their invisible mice. It was inevitable that I would turn their inspired 'tails' into an adventure."

Jordan has been attending Tutti Arts' visual arts program since late 2019 and has their own Instagram presence as @bluehoodieart

* Jordan uses the pronouns "they", "their" and "them".

FURTHER INFORMATION

About Stand & Deliver

Stand & Deliver is funded by the National Disability Insurance Agency through an ILC Grant and delivered in partnership with South Australian disability arts organisation Tutti Arts.

The Stand & Deliver Showcase will be held at the Tutti Arts Centre, Brighton, for three showings:

3pm Friday 9 October

7pm Friday 9 October

2pm Saturday 10 October

Copies of *A Tail of Two Mice* can be purchased from Tutti Arts from early October.

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