

A marriage of ideas scores top art award

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EXPLORING rituals associated with brides has won Deborah Prior this year's \$5000 Adelaide Bank Award for the state's top arts graduate - and the spending money couldn't have come at a better time.

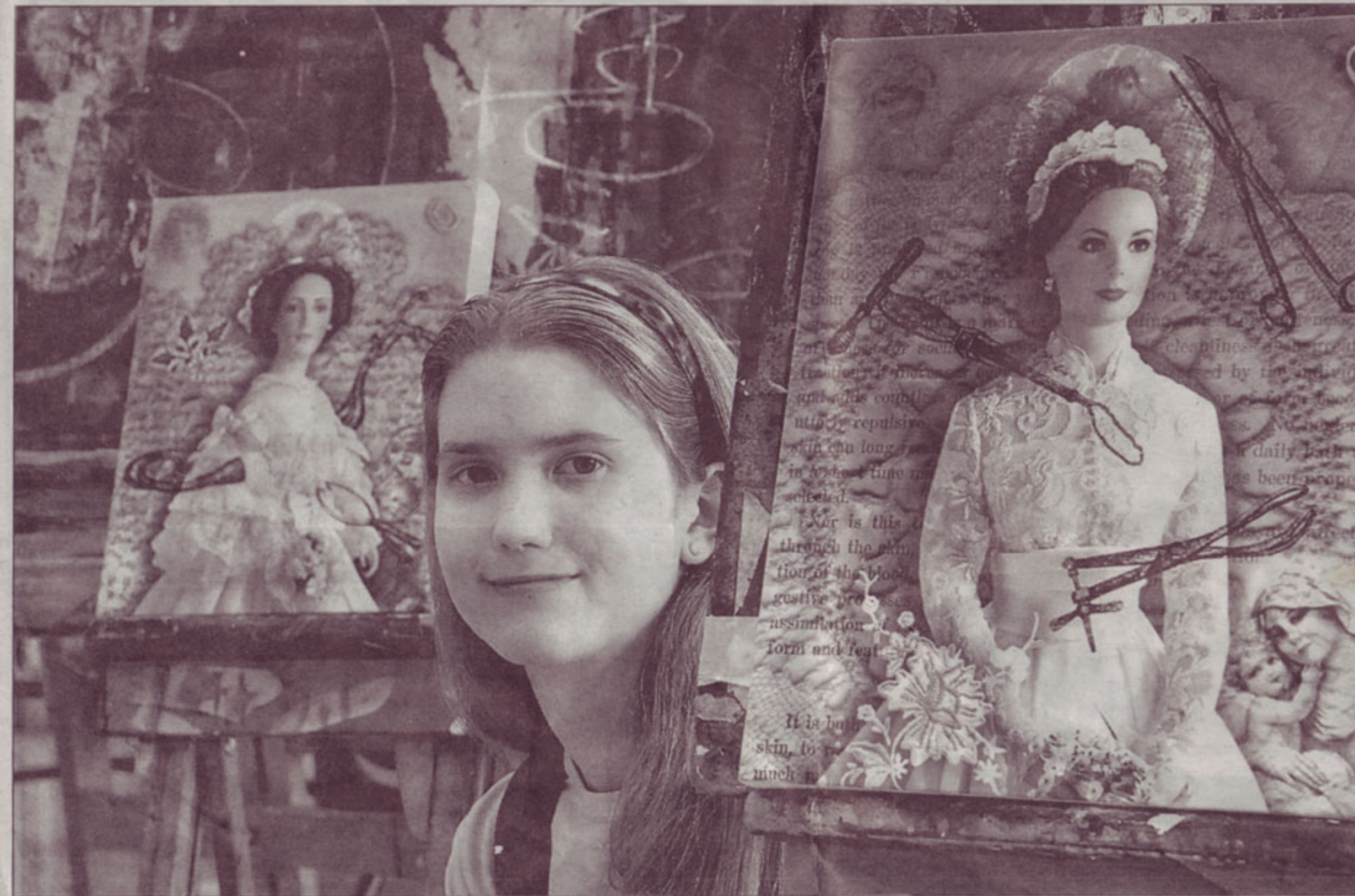
She leaves tomorrow for an eight-week study trip to Europe, which she also won as the recipient of last year's \$12,500 Ruth Tuck Scholarship for visual arts.

"It's fantastic timing, but it's a really big honour too," Prior said yesterday.

The award covers visual arts, music, dance and drama students from each of the Helpmann Academy's six partner schools: AC Arts, Adelaide Central School, VizArts at O'Halloran Hill, Flinders University Drama Centre, Elder Conservatorium of Music and the SA School of Art.

Prior, 24, of Elizabeth, an honours graduate from Adelaide Central School, received her award at last night's Maestros & Apprentices fundraising dinner at the Convention Centre.

In her latest series of digital images, *A Perfect Doll*, she continues her bridal theme.



BRIDAL THEME: Deborah Prior, winner of the 2007 Adelaide Bank Award, with some of her works.

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