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# A Magic Eye

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This artist represents the curiosity with which she is looking at you, the observer. It is a magic moment of connection between the observer and the artist.

This artwork won the 2026 Children's Miradas award in the category 9 to 12 years old.

watercolor on paper

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*Description by Jorge L. Alió*

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The "Miradas" competition was created by Jorge Alió, *Journal of Refractive Surgery* Editorial Board Member, and his wife, Maria Lopez, in 1998 with the intention of using artistic sensibility to bring society's attention to the phenomenon of sight, vision, and blindness. "Miradas," which means glances, is a contest in which artwork is sent from Spain and many international countries from the four continents for the Miradas International Artwork Competition every two years. Each issue of the *Journal of Refractive Surgery* features paintings that were submitted to this competition. "Children's Miradas 9 to 12 years old" is sponsored by Maryla Dabrowska. For more information, contact [www.fundacionalio.com](http://www.fundacionalio.com)