AI Art: Too easy for comfort?

An activity of "The AI artist behind an award-winning work".

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a part of our daily lives. It can even create art! Our January issue of *What's Up* has a section exploring AI's role in art. Browse through pages 19–21. Then, read "The AI artist behind an award-winning work" more carefully. Write down your response to the prompts below.

1) Look closely at the winning artwork "The Théâtre D'opéra Spatial" (page 19) by AI artist Jason M Allen. What do you think of the artwork?

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2) Many would agree that it did not take much effort to create such impressive results. To what extent do you find such "effortless art" valuable? Does putting in less time and effort in creating art diminish its value? Give reasons for your answer.

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3) Cartoonist Matt Bors said, "To developers and technically-minded people, [AI art is] this cool thing, but to illustrators, it's very upsetting because it feels like you've eliminated the need to hire the illustrator."

To what extent do you agree with his statement? Do you empathise more with the developers and technically-minded" or with the "illustrators"? Explain.

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