

2023 High School Visual Arts Exhibition



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Welcome to the 8th Annual High School Visual Arts Exhibition. Students in grades 9-12, in the Northeast Metro Region of the Twin Cities and surrounding areas, were invited to enter original art in the annual High School Visual Arts Contest. Professional artists Tori Poeschl, Kennedy Simpson, and Forrest Wasko juried this year's show.

The 2023 High School Visual Arts Exhibition features 190 artworks by 147 talented artists from the region. These artists represent 13 different local high schools including:

Centennial High School
Irondale High School
Lakes International Language Academy
Mahtomedi High School
Mounds Park Academy
Mounds View High School
North Branch High School
Perpich Center for Arts Education
St. Croix Preparatory Academy
Stillwater Area High School
Visitation School
White Bear Lake Area High School
Woodbury High School

The High School Visual Arts Exhibition celebrates the creative perspective and expression of young people in our community and White Bear Center for the Arts is proud to amplify their voices in our beloved Ford Family Gallery.

The High School Visual Arts Exhibition is sponsored in part by the Vadnais Heights Area Community Foundation.

Thank you to Minneapolis College of Art and Design and Wet Paint for providing additional awards.

Cover images: Matti McDaniel, *Thermal*; Catrielle Barnett *Heart of Gold*; Claire Dusing, *Complimentary Balloon Dog*; Ramsey Morrell, *Aristotle Mural*



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Meet the Judges



Tori Poeschl is a potter and print maker and enjoys other expressions of cooking, gardening, painting, and dancing. She was introduced to clay at the age of 13, finding it to be a source of expression and helping to absorb and release stress and emotion from life. She has studied under many potters throughout North Carolina, Missouri, and Minnesota. Tori now has her personal studio and teaches youth and adult clay classes at WBCA. Tori's work is a reflection of her changing environment and inner world. Intuition and exploration is centered in Tori's work and style of teaching.



Kennedy Simpson (KEH-NUH-DEE) is an artist and graphic designer from Stillwater, Minnesota. Her experiences with racism, microaggressions and anxiety have led her to pursue art and design into adulthood. Kennedy enjoys working on personal projects, as well as with others to help them curate a visual brand to support any vision, goal, product, or mission. Currently, Kennedy is working as a full-time graphic designer at a counseling clinic, and is an artist/designer for the non-profit AHHA!, whose aim is to teach people Black American history through art and discussion.



Forrest Wasko is a non-binary artist based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Wasko likes to think of the act of photographing as collecting. The subjects they depict are often familiar surroundings and everyday moments, and the process in which they are made is mostly instinctive and reactive. Although presented as straight photographs, Wasko would not consider the images to be documentary or journalistic—rather, they are a way of turning the visible world into a reflection of

Judge's Choice Award: Tori



Stanley Fenzl

The Fool

Digital

Judge's Choice Award: Forrest



TJ Arzadon

The Ampersand

Metal

Artist-in-Residence Award



Clairae Depuydt

Where You Form Yourself

Crochet, crayon on paper

Minneapolis College of Art and Design PCSI Award



Maddox
Bedroom
Marker

Honorable Mention



Braxton Lucke

Raining Hatchets

Digital photography

Honorable Mention



Emma Mahon

Birthday Wishes

Oil on canvas

Honorable Mention



Noah Marnach

Untitled

Ceramic

Award of Merit

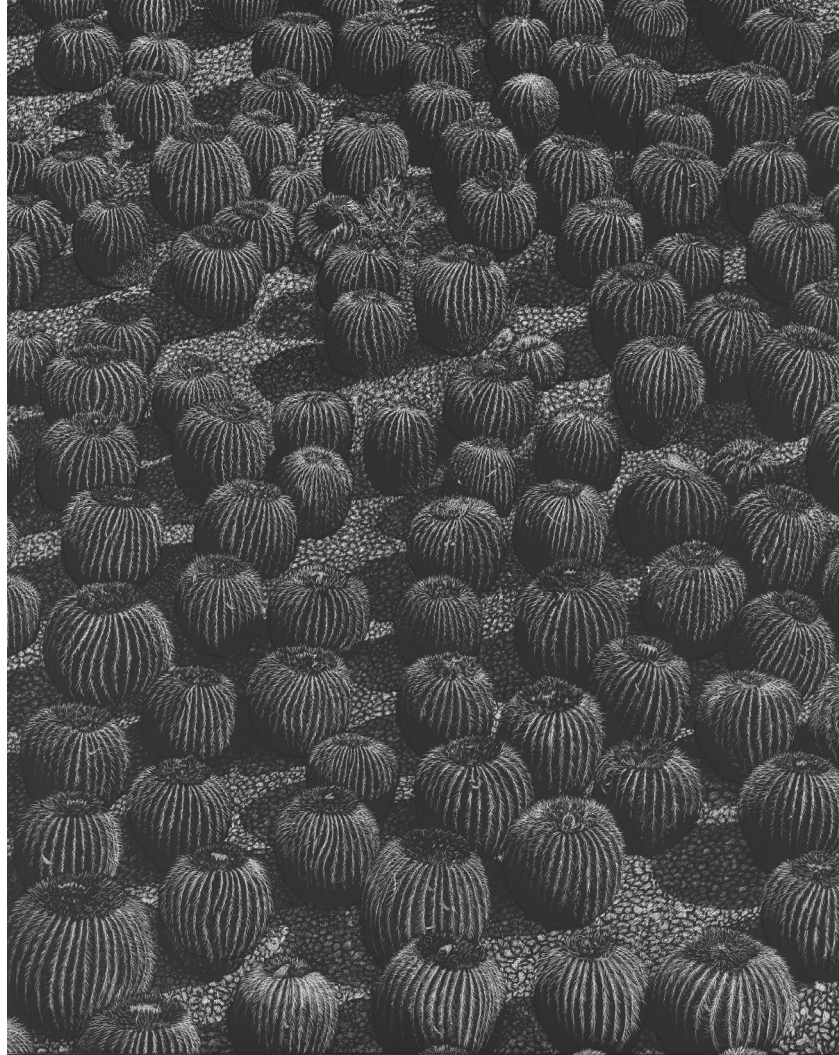


Catrielle Barnett

I Don't Want To See Their Pain

Ceramic

Award of Merit



Jess Olson

Watch Your Step

Scratchboard

Award of Merit



Natane Tom

Them Ol' Bones

Mixed media

Award of Excellence

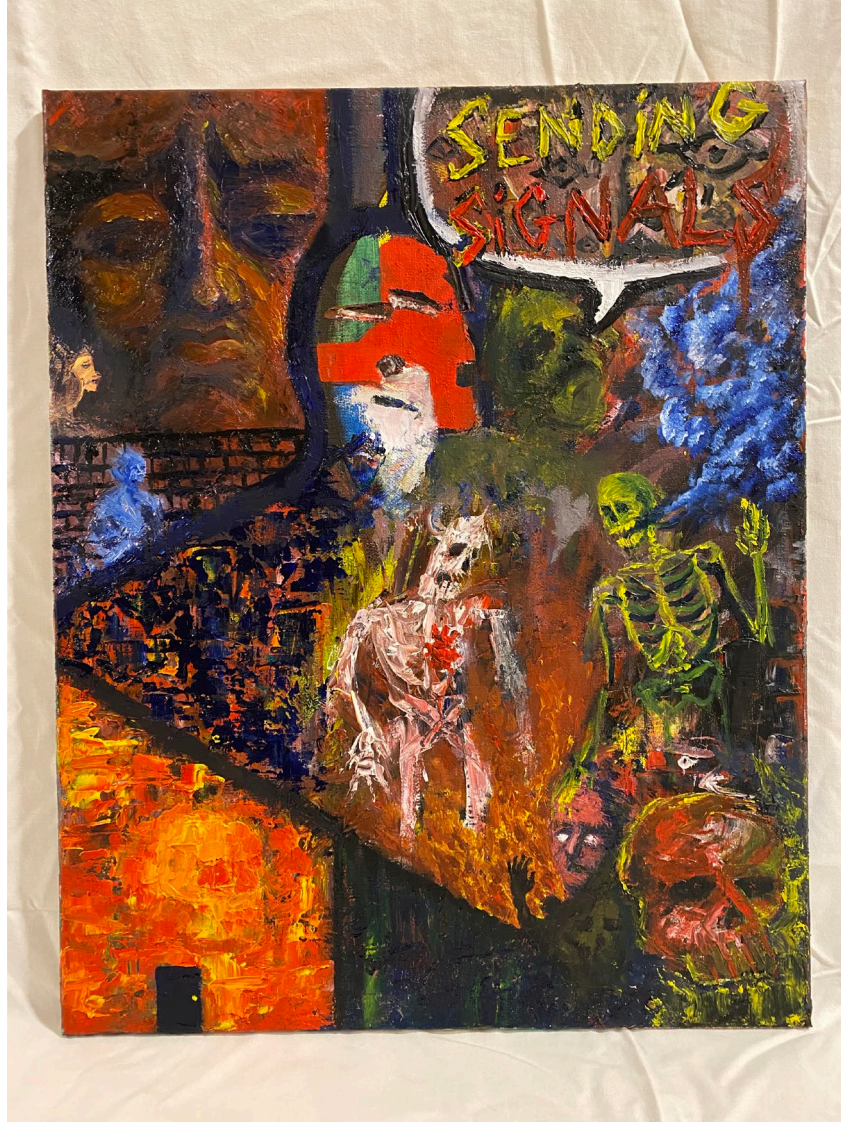


Ethan Herrera

*Video Adaptation of
the Urban Legend of
the Red Spot*

Film

Award of Excellence



Marco Rodriguez

Sending Signals

Oil on canvas

Best of Show



Lily Thai

Dinner, Party

Watercolor



Aliyah Adedayo

Brainstorm

Photography

26" x 20"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

This piece displays the importance of a child's mind. In the image, the child places her snack in the pattern of a thought bubble. This is done to symbolize innovative ideas. A child's mind is fresh and flowing with random thoughts, any one of these could change the world.



Mori Afedi

Memento

Charcoal

10" x 15"

NFS

Irondale High School

I'm a 17 year old Black artist, who's been involved in the arts since I was in Pre-K. I love to draw, and my favorite mediums are ink and charcoal. Most of my art is centered on timeless feelings of discomfort, trauma, or fearing the inevitable. I look forward to teaching others about the natural human gift of art and destigmatizing horror-based art.



Caleb Aflakpi

Windows or Spheres

Ceramic

13" x 8" x 8"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I'm a student who enjoys using simple shapes and adding them to donuts in a way that will give those shapes appreciation and a way to add change to the donuts.



Okkoto

I'm Not Paranoid, I'm a Realist

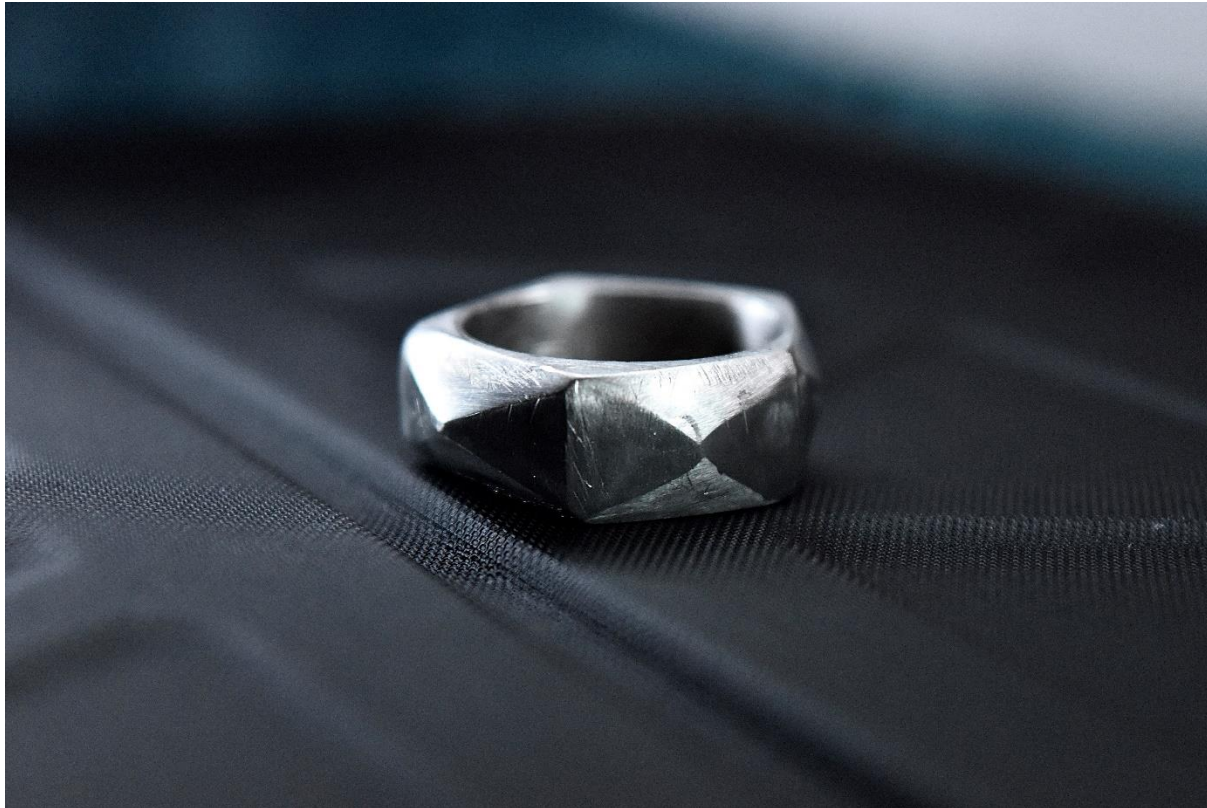
Watercolor on cardstock

8.5" x 11"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My first piece is a depiction of intrusive thoughts and how they can haunt a person. The eye contact between viewer and character creates a tension as the character is suddenly shaken out of their thoughts.



TJ Arzadon

Geometric Ring

Pewter

.375 " x 1" x 1"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I'm a 15 year old who loves the aesthetically pleasing style of simplicity. Metals are one of my favorite mediums because they're malleable to work with. Being from the Phillipines, art takes a huge role of our culture. The immersion when I was younger helps me master the greater depths of my skill. These pieces are inspired from the experiences throughout my life, with each creation forward having a sentimental meaning.



TJ Arzadon

Oriental Flamingo

Metal

2.75" x 1.375" x 1.375"

NFS

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TJ Arzadon

The Ampersand

Metal

3" x 2.5" x 1"

NFS

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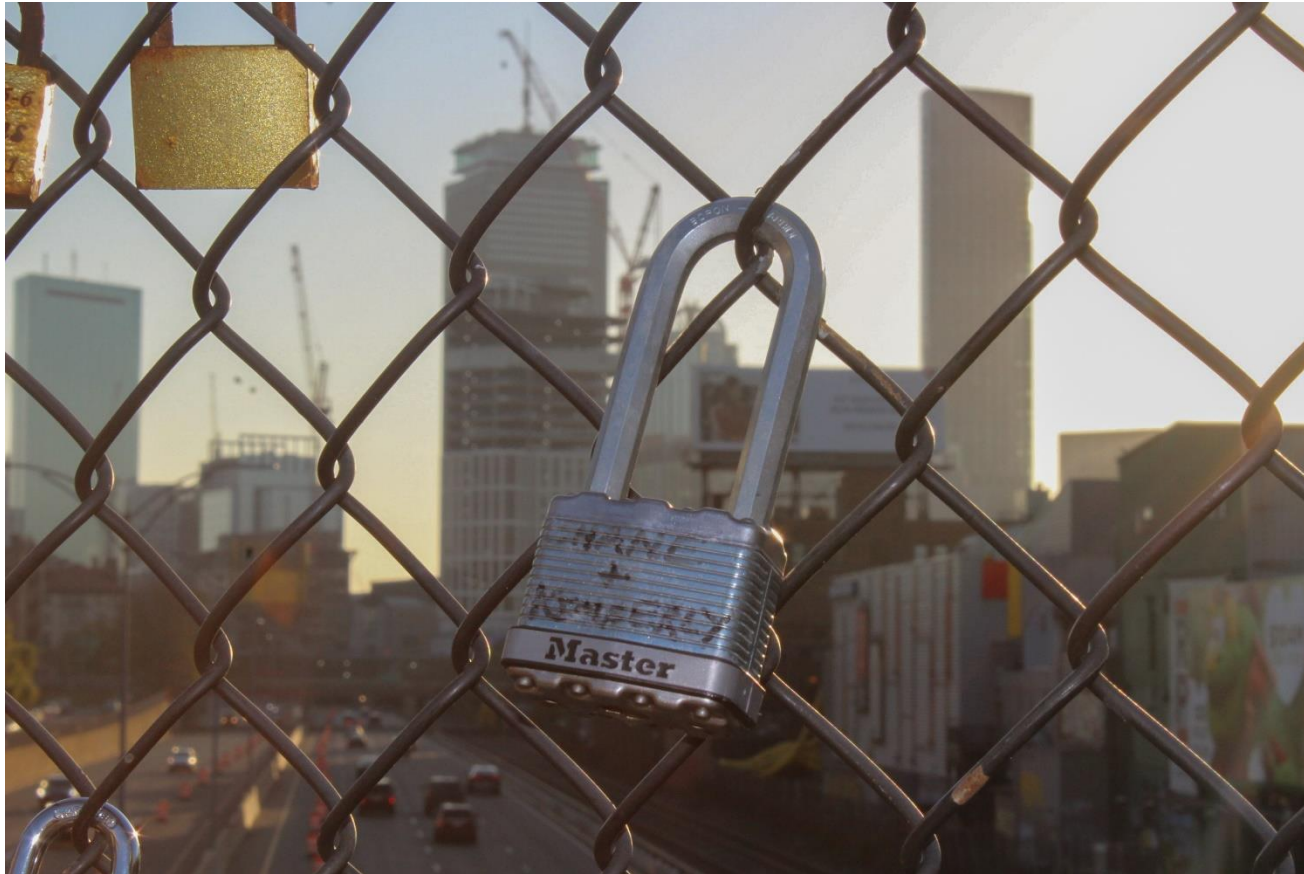
Elena Atkinson

Cerberus

Mixed media

11" x 15" x 15" NFS

Mahtomedi High School



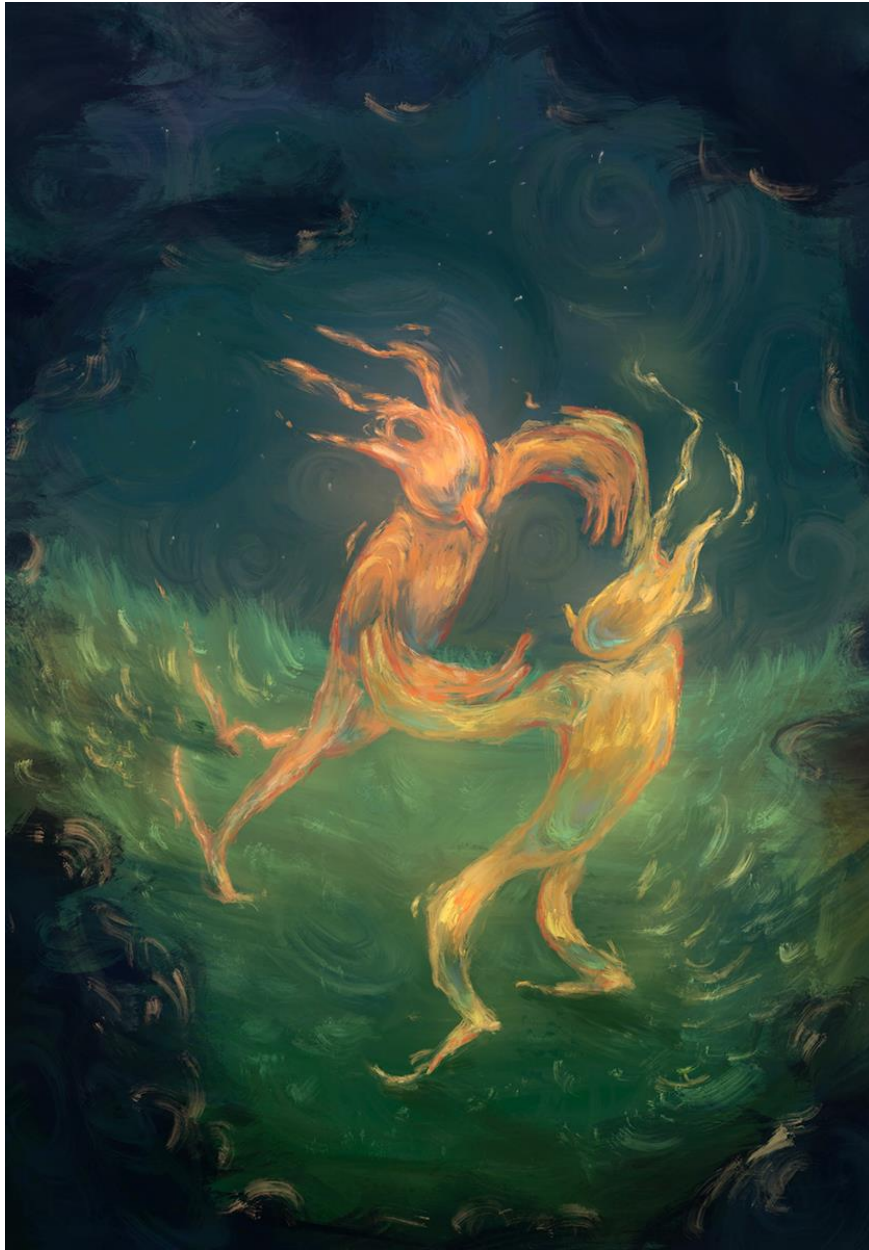
Paige Bailey

Interlocked

Photography 12"

x 12" x 18" NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Kendall Bajda

Bright Woods

Digital

17" x 11.5"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I love to create artwork with a lot of feeling and flow. I've been doing digital art for about three years now, and it's one of my favorite mediums due to the freedom it gives. I think being passionate about art is my most unique quality, and I love the creative process behind making new things.



Ruby Bancroft

Dancer Shoes

Photography

8" x 6"

\$5

Stillwater Area High School

I am a student who just likes photography:)



Catrielle Barnett

I Don't Want To See Their Pain

Ceramic

16" x 8" x 6"

NFS

Perpich Center for Arts Education

When I look around at the world, I see promise and pain. I use painting, sculpture, and ceramics to reach out and tap the world on the shoulder. Often, I search, listen and look at the world until I am clear on the message. Unconventional materials hold a special place in my heart; they help illustrate a new perspective. Some themes I explore include; emotional states of mind and injustice in our society.



Catrielle Barnett

Heart of Gold

Mixed media

25" x 25"

\$325

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Catrielle Barnett

Verbal Venom

Ceramic

22" x 14" x 14"

\$250

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Soren Barrios

Side Eye

Digital photography

4" x 6"

NFS

St. Croix Preparatory Academy

This is a picture of my late cat Marco. He was such an amazing light of energy to my life. When I came home from school everyday, he would run up and greet me. I could tell he was sick when he started sleeping more and giving me the "side eye." I took this picture as a way to remember him. Long live Marco.



Ross Baumgard

Florentine in Blue

35mm film photography

22" x 18"

\$150

Irondale High School

Art is arguably the most important part of my life- photography, painting, acting, music, and poetry- all of these things are so near and dear to my heart. It's the reason I smile, the reason I get up to watch the sunrise, the reason I sing my heart out. It has the power to make people feel emotions they never knew they fostered inside them. Art is so human it can sting yet, it's spectacular.



Lale Baylar

Insolitum

Markers, watercolor

24" x 9"

NFS

Mounds View High School

As someone who loves finding different interpretations in artworks, I try to create art that makes the audience think and question it. I question my artwork as I don't sit down with a concrete list of emotions to portray. Rather, I get an urge to draw, etc., which in return reveals what I might be feeling in that moment. I hope these artworks are able to evoke some feelings or thoughts in the audience.



Amelia Bell-Myers

Blooming

Digital

13.5" x 11.5"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I feel my emotions extremely deeply, so art is a great outlet. I use art to express how I feel, or just show something I love. I typically draw 'fan art,' but I love drawing my characters, too. All the examples I submitted are original characters I made/designed.



Ally Benedict

Sunny Side Up

Oil on canvas

12" x 12"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

As an artist, I draw inspiration from simple things in my life that I find have beauty in them. I like to try and capture that beauty by making my work the center of the painting. I feel my art represents my hyper-oriented mind by focusing mainly on one center object.



ITSANOTHERARTIST

Rose Tinted Glasses

Watercolor, colored pencil

10" x 12.5"

\$15/print

White Bear Lake Area High School

Looking back at my old art is like flipping through old photos. Feelings of nostalgia, appreciation, and self-judgment wash over me. And yet all so integral to how it shapes me and my art now. Often I think about the past, specifically memories, and how it affects us now, as well as the value it holds in the present... if you want to follow my journey to the future consider following my Instagram @its.another.artist



ITSANOTHERARTIST

Scandals on Paper

Digital

13" x 18"

\$50

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Clara Blauer

The Actor's Prize

Acrylic on canvas

12" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake

Area High School

Art has been a passion of mine for a long time, and I love to creatively express myself and show my other interests through my artwork. Some of my favorite mediums include acrylic, colored pencil, watercolor, and graphite pencil.



Joseph

Robes Don't Work Like That

Pencil, ink

15.8" x 13"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

While I don't dislike art that has meaning, I'd rather pick up a pencil and start drawing whatever comes to my crazy, wild mind. I don't think about meanings or deep layers but I've always been fascinated when interpreting other people's art. This piece can have multiple meanings if you want it to, but if you just view it as a funny sun man, that's fine too.



Sylvia Boyum

Balancing Act

Ceramic

6" x 4" x 6.5"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

With this piece, I wanted to challenge myself to convey a sense of lightness and movement with clay. I used the wheel and several handbuilding techniques to achieve this goal. To make the chains, I used the extruder to make coils. The chains aren't attached to the bowl, or each other, and can move. I used coils to make the legs as thin as possible so that the piece would appear almost weightless.



EM

Remembrances

Acrylic, watercolor

9.5" x 7.5"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

For every piece I used acrylic paint, as well as other mediums. Every piece of artwork I have ever made, always has a meaning from deep in my heart. From the first piece which is about something I did as a child and the second piece, which is about a boy who I love deeply and how I see him.



EM

Love in My Eyes

Watercolor, colored pencils

11.5" x 9"

NFS

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Eric Buttke

Change in Seasons

Photography

24" x 16"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School



Kinsey Cannata

Mystic Lovers

Charcoal, Sharpie, acrylic,
newspaper on canvas

24" x 18"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My idea is of combining two abstract figures into one to create unity. The piece shows how well they mesh together. I wanted to show how well the figures complement each other while still representing its own. This piece describes soul connections and it is an abstract piece.



Zawa Carney

Bad Luck Lies

Papier-mâché, air-dry clay

9" x 13" x 2"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

I am a multimedia artist that will do any art I can get my hands on. I love learning and expanding my experience and I'm not afraid to get messy while doing it! While my family doesn't always love the mess they always encourage me to do what makes me happy, so here I am sharing my art with the world! Thank you for letting me share!

-A creative boy with art to share.



Vinina

Aquarium Adventure

White colored pencil on black paper

12" x 9"

NFS

Irondale High School

Art is fun and something I enjoy. The artworks I create reflect my experiences, memories, thoughts, dreams, and things I cherish and inspire me. I want my art to be able to share my thoughts and feelings with the world.



Vinina

Little Sister

Charcoal

12" x 9"

NFS

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Brayden Choudoir

Lost Toy

Digital photography

19" x 11"

NFS

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

Im currently an 11th grader at St. Croix Preparatory Academy. I've been interested in photography well before taking photography as a class, and was excited to finally get the chance to express that interest. Some of my favorite types of photography include Light Painting, Ghosting, and Landscape. My goal with this photo was to convey a sense of nostalgia/sorrow by portraying the toy truck as rusted and old.



Emilee

Strange Figure

Digital

10" x 8"

\$25

Mahtomedi High School

I like to experiment with colors and characterization. I also enjoy creating definitive moods with my art. The piece I have shared is meant to convey mystery.



Cambrie Cole

Haunted Portraits

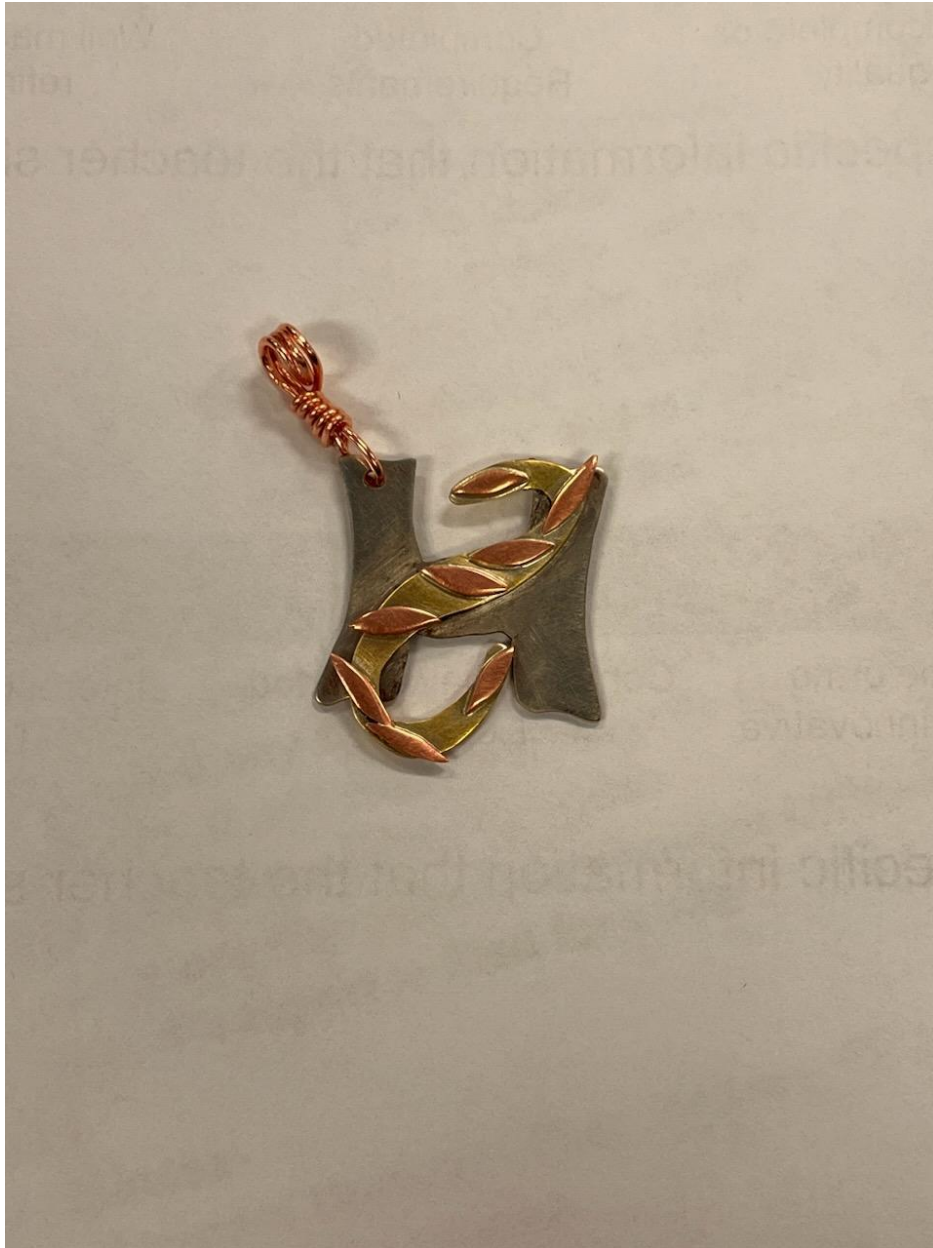
Digital photography

23" x 17"

\$50

Stillwater Area High School

In my artwork, I enjoyed capturing fantasy and a dramatic otherworldly feel. I've always had a fascination with horror fiction, dramatic makeup, and extraterrestrial phenomena. Photography and painting are my preferred mediums. When creating a piece, I like to use a variety of materials and colors. Music has been a huge source of inspiration for my artistic process. When I hear a song, I can relate it to the story or feel of my piece.



Henry Collyard

Metal H

Silver, copper, brass

1" x .9"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Ruby Moon

Growing Pains

Gouache

20.5" x 17"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Zelie Cooper

Ghost Bride

Digital photography

8" x 8"

\$80

St. Croix Preparatory Academy

I took this photo in my photography class in 2021. I played around a lot with a long exposure. That is how I got the affect of the see through person, or the ghost. The model was only in the frame of the photo for part of the time of the exposure making the model seem see through. I wanted to create an eerie feeling for viewers and make viewers wonder.



Ella Corey

Iris

Digital photography

6.5" x 9"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

In my work I like to capture the peace of moments using people and objects. Using digital photography helps me capture my ideas and create a sense of unity in my pieces even with the use of contrast within my images. I enjoy using digital photography in order to capture the moment of peace and utilize photoshop to bring the piece together.



Clairae Depuydt

Where You Form Yourself

Crochet, crayon on paper

6.5" x 6.5"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I enjoy using a variety of materials in my work, but I am especially drawn to crochet. While it can be very tedious and rarely turns out 'perfectly,' crochet allows me to express the uncomfortable feelings I experience in life. I typically create pieces that focus on the human figure or face because I'm very interested in how we express ourselves without words. And I hope others can recognize parts of themselves in my work.



Clairae Depuydt

Myself

Crochet

6.5" x 5"

NFS

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Nolan Dimitri

Textured Teapot

Ceramic

5" x 6" x 5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School



Hannah Duffee

I'm a Bad Bean

Digital photography

8" × 8" pixels

\$110

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

I love to take self-portraits. It makes it easier for me to get the plan inside of my head out and shown through the photo. For me, colors represent a lot of different emotions. I like to make my photos have one major color that depicts the emotion that is coming through the photograph.



Claire Dusing

Gummy Bears

Colored pencil

12" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

I have always really enjoyed doing art and I love challenging myself. This year I have discovered my love for using colored pencils and I have always loved using acrylic. My main focus has been to do realistic objects, because I've always wanted to experiment with different textures and shines, and I admire the illusion that a 2D drawing could look 3D.



Claire Dusing

Complimentary Balloon Dog

Acrylic on canvas

12" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High
School

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Rosalia Eichten

Sweet Night

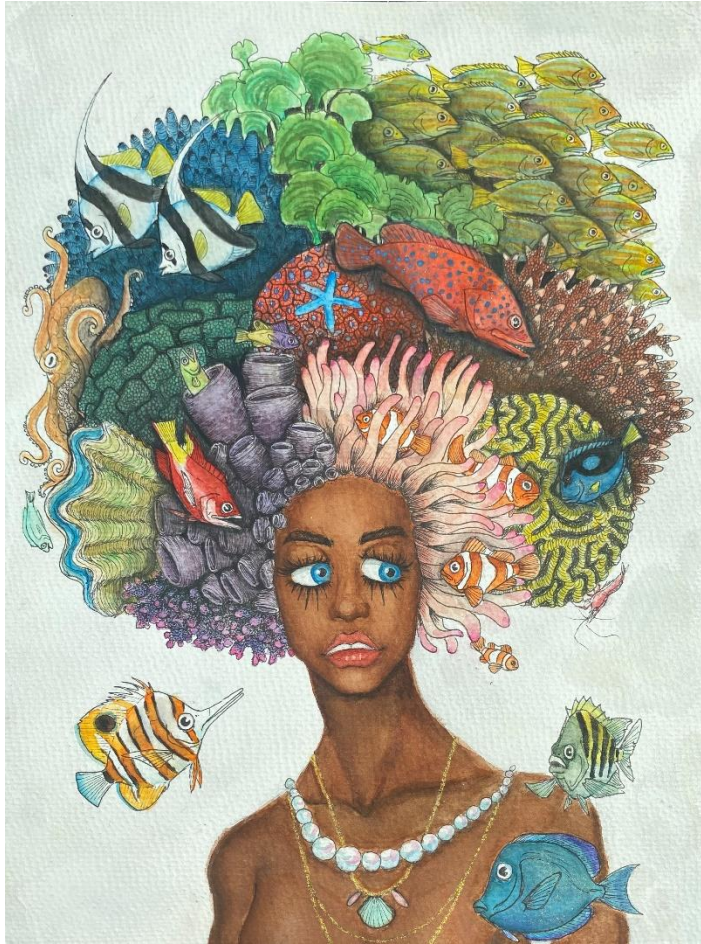
Photography

18" x 24"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My art piece is portraying the story of a child searching for a candy store. I got my idea to take my images in downtown Stillwater because of how unique and beautiful the architecture is. The question that helped me illustrate my work was, how can I create a story through my photography and make it come to life? I used different angles to create the feeling you are in the shoes of the child!



Obeid Elhag

Mother of Pearl

Watercolor

24" x 9"

NFS

Mahtomedi High school

My artwork depicts the sea goddess Yemayá. Often depicted as a queenly mermaid, Yemayá is considered the Ocean Mother Goddess in Santería, an Afro-Caribbean religion with roots in the Yoruba region. The concept of Yemayá was brought over to the New World by enslaved Africans as early as the 16th century. She is said to represent motherhood and the sacred flow of life.



Ivy

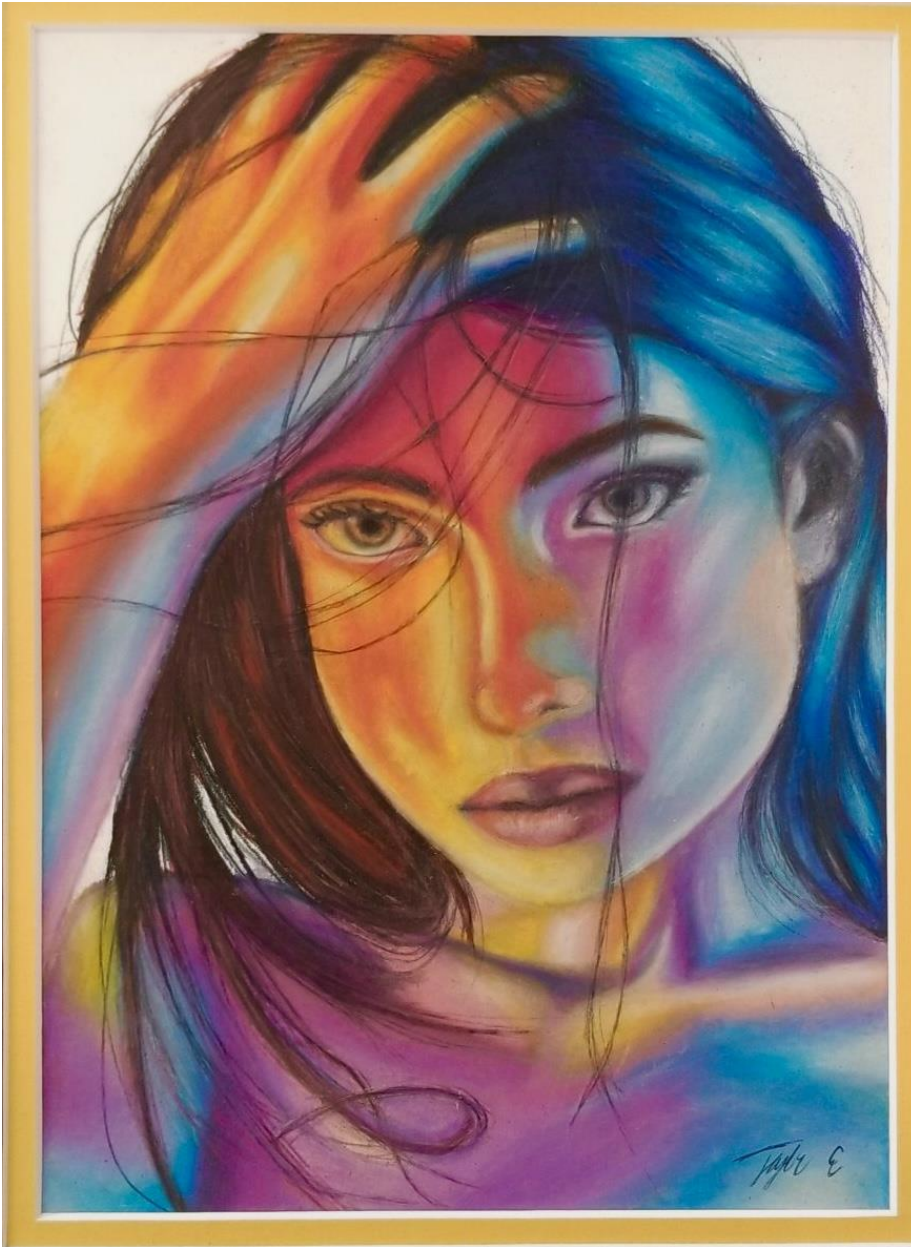
Twins

Digital

24" x 18"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School



Taylor Erickson

Hues of the Face

Colored pencil

24" x 18"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

Art is a form of expression. Through art I was able to reflect on who I am and perceive to be. With my artistic journey I have expressed my faults and accomplishments, and want to share these to share a message to others.



Erik Evert

Godzilla!

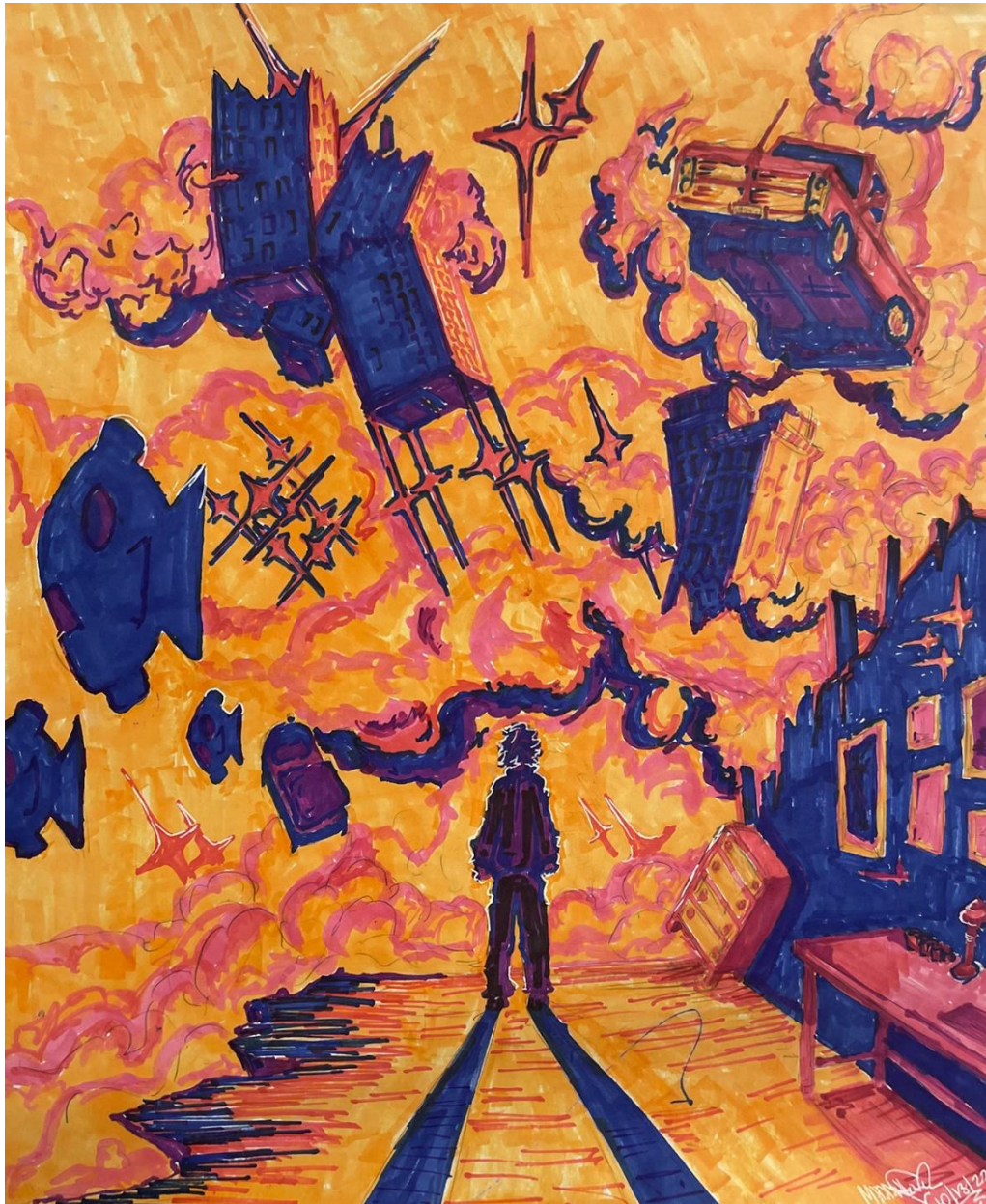
Digital photography

7.5" x 7.5"

NFS

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

One thing you should know about me is that I am a huge fan of Godzilla. I took this photo for a project in my class. This picture is evocative of the original 1954 film in which Godzilla made his debut. I really wanted to capture the scary side of the King of the Monsters which heavily contrasts how he typically is depicted as a hero in later films.



Maddox

Bedroom

Marker

15" x 12"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I like drawing. I like to draw what I like. I try to convey feelings through my art by using dramatic perspective or limited color palettes. I like to tell stories through my art, usually including a single person in the midst of some sort of event or something like that, feeling some sort of way. Watching things is what they do, and creating art is what I do.



Maddox

Shadow Man

Marker

6" x 12"

NFS

Stillwater Area
High School

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THE FOOL

Stanley Fenzi

The Fool

Digital

9" x 14"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I have struggled with mental illness for a large portion of my life and had a habit of dealing with it in extremely dangerous and self-destructive ways. Art has helped me comprehend and deal with intense emotions in a healthy way. This piece is part of a series depicting the process of healing and self-acceptance.



Madeline Firkus

Vampire Teeth

Ceramic

3.75" x 4.25" x 4"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

This year I took a ceramics class and really enjoyed the course. During the class, I learned both hand-building techniques and wheel-throwing skills. My piece is made using hand-building techniques.



Linksol Fleming

Surgery

Oil on bristol board

7.5" x 5.5"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

I really enjoy the idea of art being used as a tool to express individual oddities, perspectives or interests; while I don't believe every piece of my art is super meaningful in itself, I think each piece by itself is unique to the composition of my person. I think the mundane or simple things that make up a person are unique in their own way.



Linksol Fleming

Color Study

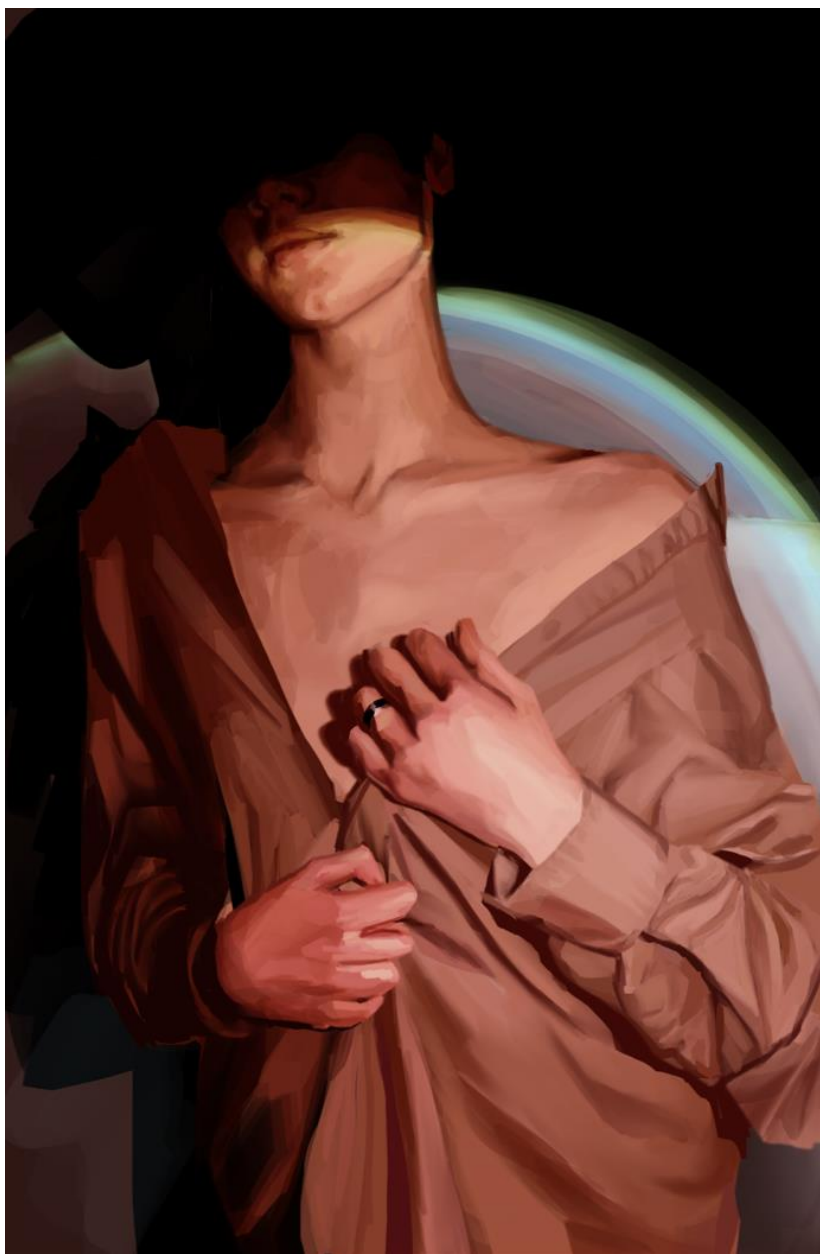
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Lucy Fleming

Fen

Digital

11.9" x 7.8"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School



Lucy Fleming

Xiaoyun

Watercolor

3.5" x 3.5"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High
School



Evelyn Fontaine

Bamboo

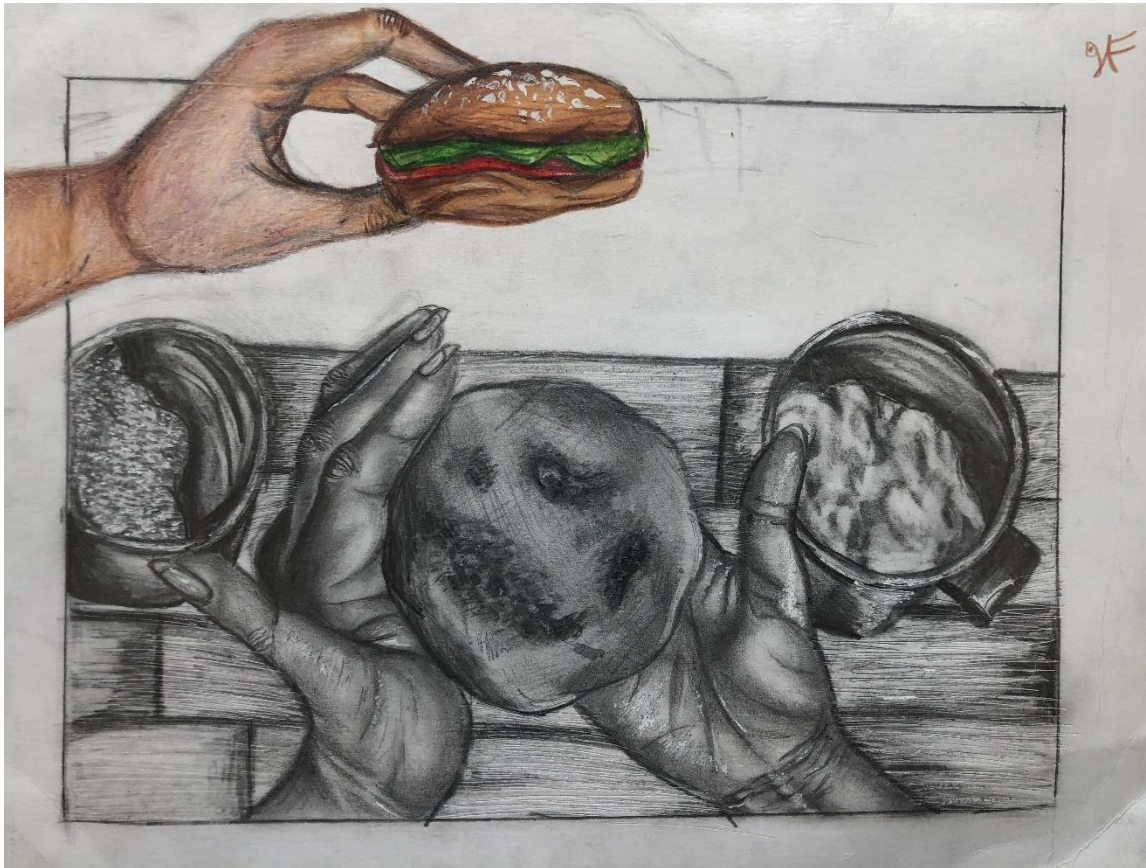
Sumi-e

16.5 x 9.5

NFS

Mounds Park Academy

I studied Mandarin Chinese for nine years in elementary and middle school, during that time I work hard to not only learn the language, but also Chinese culture and traditions. Sumi-e is a Chinese/Japanese painting style that I got to experiment with, I liked using special Chinese/Japanese techniques to paint bamboo and to also practice my Chinese calligraphy. I particularly enjoy working in black and white because I think it makes the art look clean.



Gabriela Fox

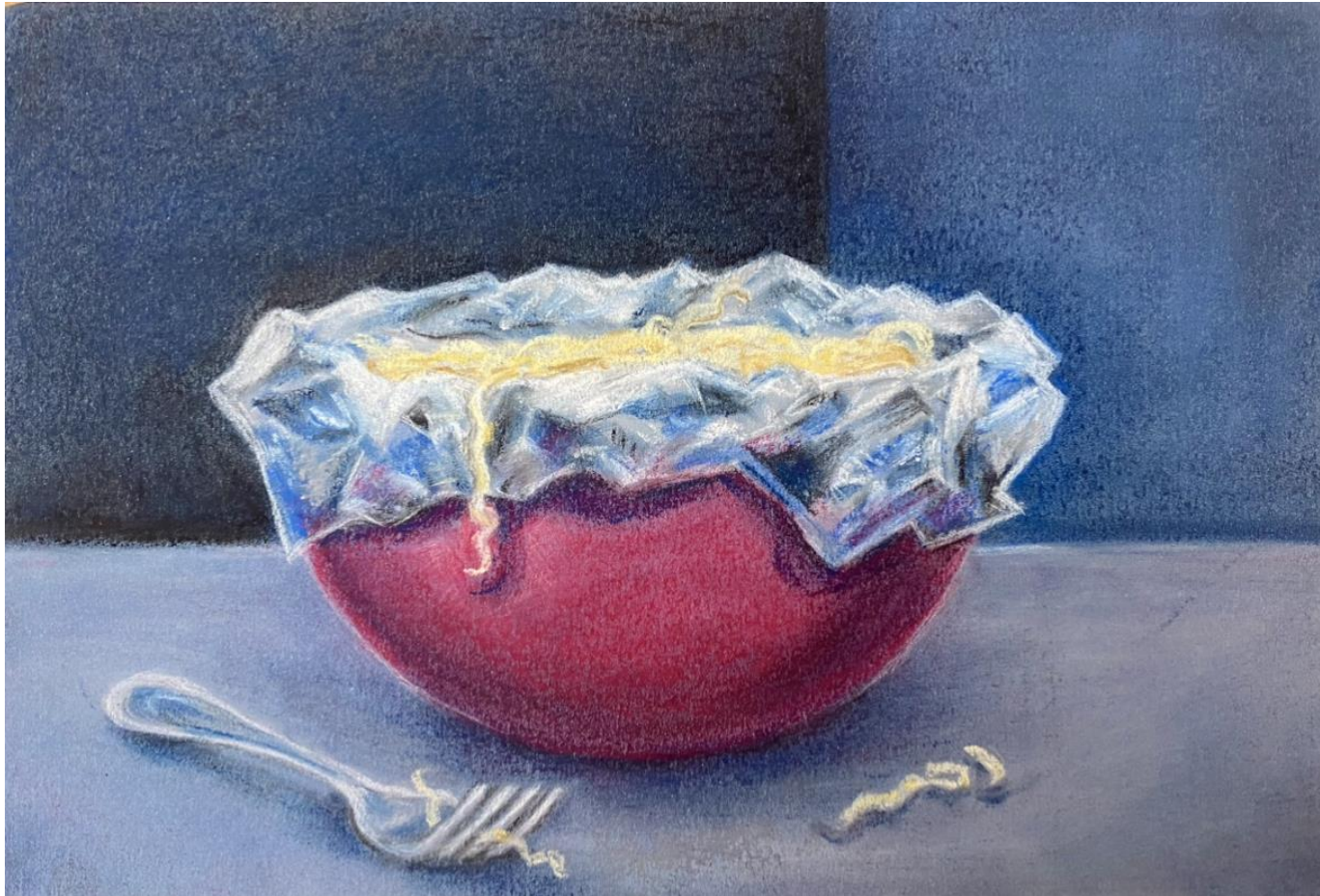
*Dichotomy in Cuisine
Through a Cultural Lens*

Colored pencil, graphite on paper
12" x 9"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

Over the last few years, art has been a form of expression for me as I depict moments of my life. Whether the moments involve recent TV shows I've binged or experiences/life events, the mere ability to capture the feeling on paper provides a sense of fulfillment and nostalgia to me. Using my art, I hope to shed light on the events that impact my thoughts/actions that often aren't spoken about typically.



Celia J. Fuhrman

Dinner

Chalk pastel

6" x 9"

\$75

White Bear Lake Area
High School

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Celia J. Fuhrman

Peeling Wallpaper

Colored pencil,
acrylic

6" x 9"

\$75

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Lizzie Gardner

Pewter Fox Sculpture

Metals

1" x 2"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

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Lizzie Gardner

Firefly Metal Piece

Metals

.25" x 2"

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Grant Geiger

Untitled

Ceramic

10" x 4.5" x 9"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

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11" x 4.5" x 6.75"

NFS

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Bella Gomez

Parasite

Graphite, charcoal on paper

6" x 6"

NFS

Lakes International Language
Academy

I try my best to paint and draw nature and the universe. I paint it through my dreams, thoughts, emotions and ideas.



Mary Kate Grilz

Puddle of Reflection

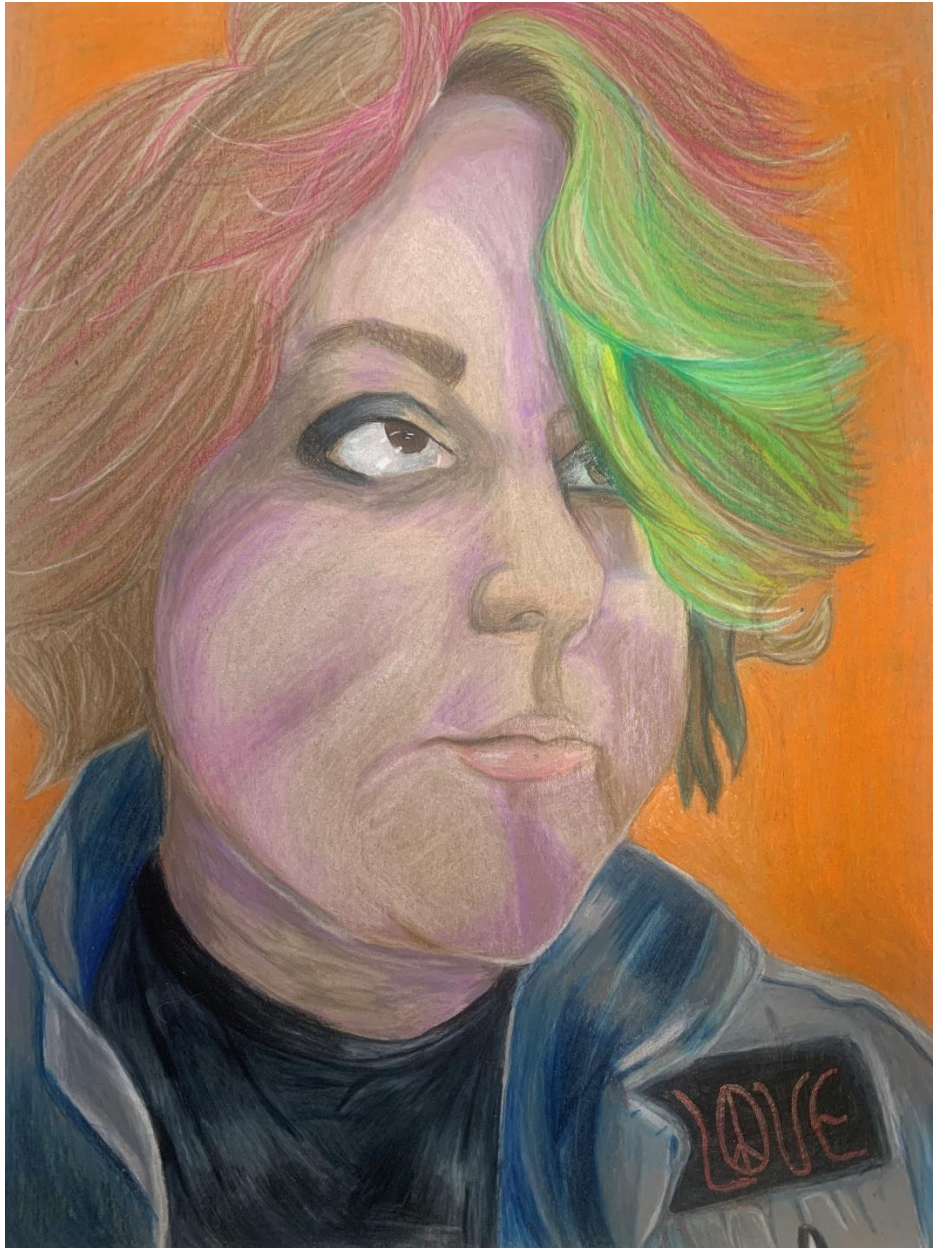
Photography

8" x 11"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

In my work I enjoy capturing emotions through using abstract perspectives and lighting. Contrast and emphasis are some aspects of my photography process that I like to capture, whether it be naturally occurring or experimenting with ways to create it.



Elise Hansen

Bring It On

Colored pencil

16" x 12"

NFS

Visitation School

Hi, my name is Elise Hansen, I am in 10th grade. This is my third semester taking an art class. My favorite medium is colored pencil, and paint is a close second. I like painting extravagant topics, with extravagant meanings. I feel as if my art is a projection of myself and my mentality, even if it is not of me.



Elise Hansen

Midnight Love

Acrylic on canvas

20" x 20"

NFS

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Madison Hart

Hopeless Romantic

Photography

\$70

Stillwater Area High School

I am Madison, I go by Maddie and I am an AP art student at Stillwater High School. I've always loved art, but I found a specific passion for photography in middle school. I am an artist of many mediums!



Makena Heaton

Water Lilies

Acrylic on canvas

12" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

My painting "Water Lilies" was inspired by "Water Lilies, Evening Effect" by Claude Monet. I put my own twist on the painting by incorporating Ben-Day dots to create the water, or background of the painting. I also used a slightly different color scheme, using colors from "The Undercliff" by Richard Parkes Bonington. This painting has a tranquil element to it, while also incorporating a bold and mesmerizing aspect which is why I love it.



Sam Hem

Levels

Ceramic

21.5" x 8" x 8"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I am a student at Mahtomedi High School and first started pottery two years ago. I quickly fell in love and am currently in AP. My sustained investigation this year is the implement of inorganic shapes into my work. I have discovered many new techniques and styles that I will continue to fine tune as I progress. This work is a representation of my work so far this year.



Ethan Herrera

*Video Adaptation of the
Urban Legend of the
Red Spot*

Film
NFS

White Bear Lake Area High
School

I have been involved in art classes for as long as I can remember. Some of my favorites were sculpture, photography, drawing, painting, and digital art.

Photography is my favorite medium. I love the way photographs capture feelings and ideas of a time period, and I love documenting life in a creative way. I enjoy walking around White Bear Lake and I always have my iPhone at the ready when something interesting catches my eye.

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Madeline Hertle

Golden Hour

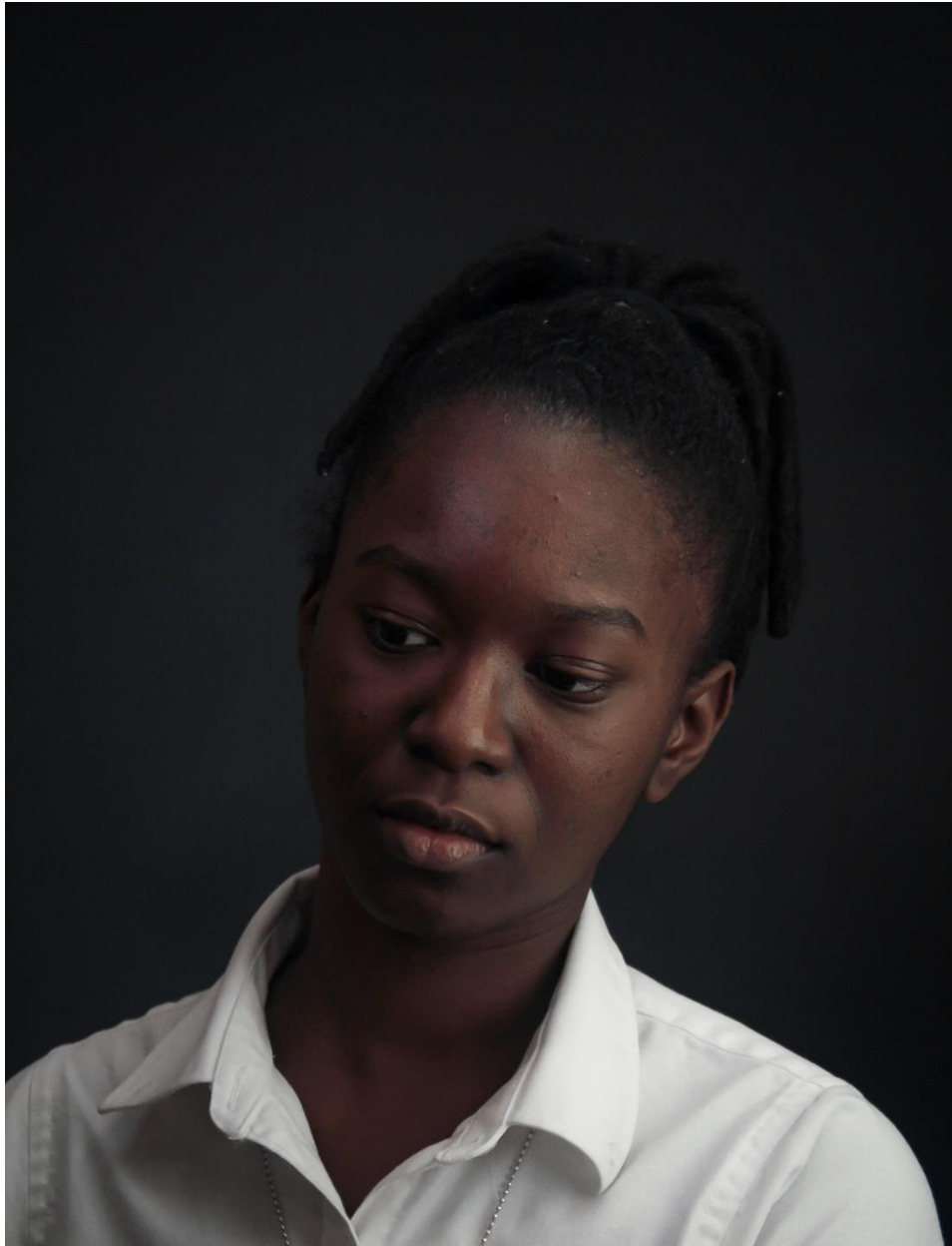
Photography

8" x 10"

NFS

Visitation School

Everyone has distinctive features or traits that define their personality. I love capturing such images on film or digital pixels. A snapshot of a moment can express the smallest arc in their smile, the perfect time when the light hits their cheek, or the beautiful moment when their individuality shines through. I identify these traits and manipulate the lighting, camera settings, angles, and editing tools to highlight only the quality that needs to be depicted.



Madeline Hertle

Thoughts

Photography

8" x 10"

NFS

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Emma Heuer

Adapted

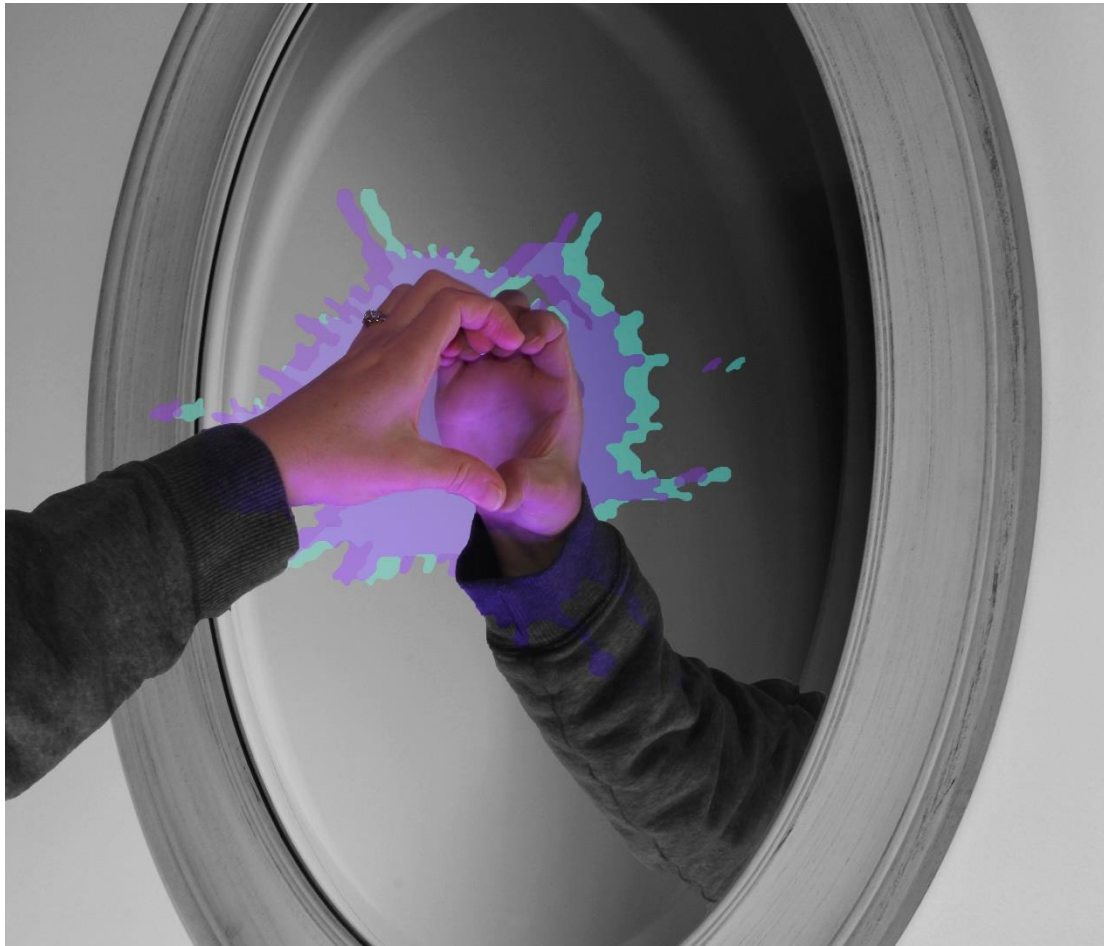
Clay, wire, fake moss

6.5" x 7" x 6"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My artwork revolves heavily around change. My main question for my artwork is, how does immediate change affect a person and their life? In addition, how can change be represented through scenes? I chose this topic because change affects everyone. There is good change, bad change, neutral change. Whether it is a new baby or bad news, I represented change in different elements.



Caleb Hilton

SPLATTER heART

Photography

10" x 8"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My name is Caleb Hilton, a student at Mahtomedi High School. I realized I really enjoyed taking photos through a photography class at school, and I was able to continue that passion through another class at my high school this year. I worked on expanding my knowledge base by using more editing tools and branching away from the raw photos to create more unique and stylized pieces.



Clare Hinnenkamp

Forest Ground

Stoneware

3.5" x 4" x 4"

NFS

Irondale High School

Ever since I was young I had a fascination with Play-Doh and air dry clay. Freshman year, I was introduced to stoneware clay and immediately picked up a love for the medium. I am constantly exploring new techniques to stretch the uses of clay. My teacher and peers have pushed me as an artist and helped me decide to pursue a higher education in art and psychology.



Sewer boy

Damp House Plants

Digital photography

16.373" x 10.88"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I do digital photography and like to incorporate H₂O into my photos.



Katie Irwin

Slideshow

Colored pencil

10" x 12"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I love using colored pencils to portray my art. I enjoy layering colors and adding texture to my pieces. All of my pieces fall under the sustained investigation of "How does loneliness lead to self-discovery?" I wanted to show my journey through finding myself in my art. Art has been a very important outlet in my life, especially when I was at my loneliest.



Brody Johnson

Excited Horses

Digital

24" x 17"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My name is Brody Johnson and I am a junior at Mahtomedi. I took photography class last year just so I could graduate, but now I'm taking another photography class because of how much I enjoyed the process of creating photos.



JP Johnson

Untitled

Ceramic

10" x 10.5" x 10.5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School



Annabelle Johnson

Introspection

Watercolor

8.5" x 5.5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My name is Annabelle, I have been interested in creating art since childhood. I have recently been working on developing my skill in mediums I am less comfortable with, this year I have been improving on watercolor. I also love to capture people and scenes in my art. I believe that it is important to see the beauty in everyday life and I love when I am able to capture that beauty in my art.



Annabelle Johnson

Looking Up

Watercolor

8.5" x 8.5"

NFS

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Annabelle Johnson

In Waiting

Watercolor

8.5" x 8.5"

NFS

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Frances Kastler

Window of Reflection

Photography

8" x 10"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

Photography is my chosen medium because I feel as though I can convey my complex emotions through everyday objects that may seem mundane. I use what I can in my environment to make each photograph unique by using natural light in different ways. The principles of design like contrast and emphasis help guide me through my process.



Riley Kellogg

Hidden Meaning

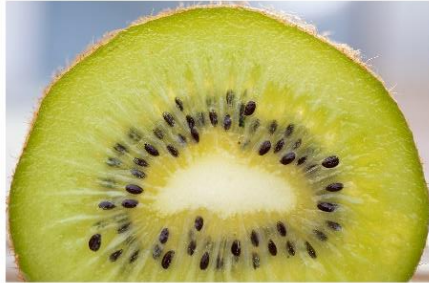
Acrylic on paper

16" x 18"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I don't paint often, but when I do I put as much meaning and connection to my own life as I possibly can. This makes me put more effort into the piece and create something one of a kind and special to me.



Jordan Kimlinger

Color Matching

Photography

11" x 14"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



McKenna Kipp

Why Do We Litter?

Digital

3.7" x 4.9"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I aspire to send a message. I want to leave people thinking about what's happening to our planet. Humanity is destroying Earth and people need to be aware of this major issue. I hope to bring awareness to our dying home, as Climate Change thunders down on Earth and all it's beings, litter covers the sea and land, and animals are dying. The future of our planet lies in the palms of our hands.



Rowan Klaiber

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Digital

6.5" x 8.5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School



Willow Konickson

Chilling Discovery

Acrylic

21.5" x 14.25"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

Nothing like the emotional roller-coaster of seeing something you never thought you'd see, and no place better to experience it than in the frozen, middle of nowhere.



Ellyjobell

Everyone's a Little OCD...Right?

Digital

10" x 20"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

Many people wonder what our time here on Earth is for. I think we get to decide that--and for me, part of it is drawing. I've been exploring my mental health through art lately, and my pieces reflect this. I also enjoy drawing character art and reading in my free time.



Ellyjobell

Reaching Out

Digital

10" x 20"

NFS

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High School

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Steve Kuschke

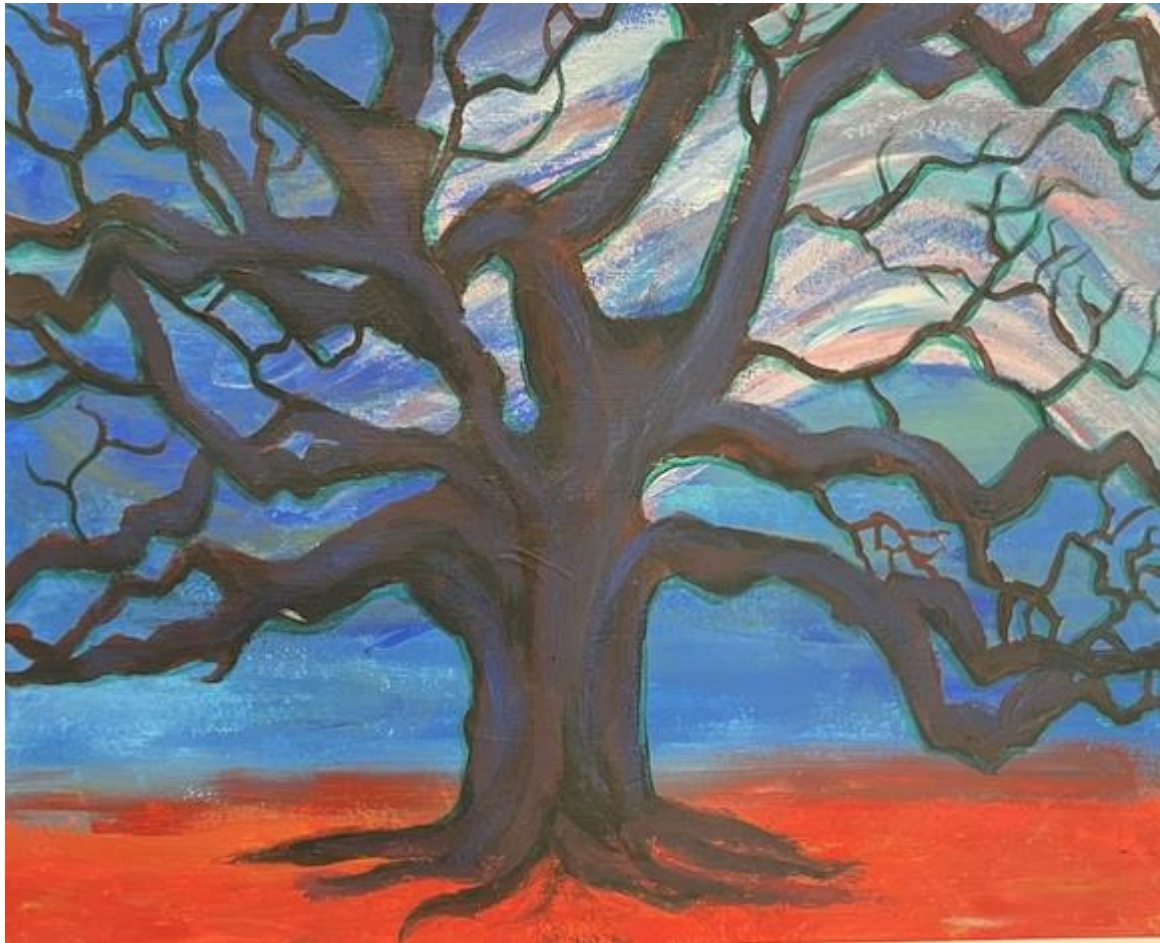
Layers Upon Layers

Acrylic, oil pastel on canvas

24" x 18"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School



Olivia Kuslich

Tree Painting

Acrylic on paper

8" x 12"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My passion for art has been a constant throughout my journey. Through years of practice, I've honed my natural talent for drawing and have been fortunate enough to witness my skills evolve. I started with primarily pencil and monochromatic sketches, but as I continued exploring the art world, I discovered the power and limitless potential of color. I'm excited to continue exploring and experimenting with vibrant hues.



Adeline La Breche

Ghost on the Shore

Charcoal

22" x 10"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My artwork is mainly based in the natural world. My work is usually based in a feeling or a connection with nature or other people. The work I submitted has to do with a feeling of longing displayed through more natural settings. I like to dig on times I have felt longing and put that out through my art.



Molly LaPlante

Sunsets

Colored pencil

12" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area
High School

I have been creating art for as long as I can remember. I would finger paint with my grandma when I was too young to hold a brush. Ever since, I have been creating art in many different forms such as painting, dance, music, theatre, and colored pencils. I've recently explored pottery, and I'm continuing to discover art that makes me happy and makes me feel seen.



Braxton Lucke

No Parking

Digital photography

10" x 8"

\$40

Mahtomedi High School

I am a photographer who has a passion for capturing mundane things and using the art of photography to enhance their character. I have longed used photography to express myself and share the little things I find interesting in my day to day life.



Braxton Lucke

Raining Hatchets

Digital photography

8" x 10"

NFS

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Logan Lundgren

Explosion of Power

Digital photography

30" x 20"

\$75,000

White Bear Lake Area High School



Anya Madland

Simple Things

Oil pastel

18" x 14"

NFS

Centennial High School

I've found that art makes you feel something so effortlessly. Art has the ability to pull strong emotions out of you. Every time you look at a piece of artwork your views on it can change. I think that's what draws me into making art so much. I want to be able to change someone's way of looking at the world just like so many artist have done to me.



Emma Mahon

Grimm Warning

Oil on canvas

48" x 60"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

Creating art is my endless thrill. It's an endeavor that never stops providing creative freedom. I find myself telling stories old and new through my work. Incorporating my day to day life whether mundane or thrilling. Art allows me to be unique in my own right with no rules or precautions holding me back.



Emma Mahon

Birthday Wishes

Oil on canvas

12" x 14"

NFS

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Emma Mahon

Overboard

Oil on canvas

36" x 48"

NFS

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Emily Majerle

Ghostly Seaside

Photography

8" x 10"

\$160

White Bear Lake
Area High School

My artwork is not traditional, it has feeling and emotions but sometimes none. My art always has a meaning behind it even if you can't see it and my true goal is to make people think about my art and not just look. As an artist I think of myself as positive, honest, and kind. I am not afraid to do something and if I am I will do it afraid.



ajm

Sun Tree

Acrylic on paper

11.5" x 9"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I have been interested in art, specifically drawing, since middle school. I started with drawing geometric shapes. In this piece I got the inspiration from an image on my phone and it morphed into the Sun tree.



Noah Marnach

Untitled

Ceramic

6.5" x 5.5" x 3.5"

\$300

Mahtomedi High School

I am a potter who primarily focuses on functional teapots and making many completely different, sophisticated forms from the same simplistic idea.



Noah Marnach

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Ceramic

5.5" x 7" x 5.5"

\$300

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Emma Masso

Spotlight

Acrylic

6" x 8.5"

NFS

White Bear Lake
Area High School

Creating art, once a frustration is now a passionate hobby of mine. I have grown a lot as an artist since I first started and hope to keep learning more as I continue my life.



Emma Masso

Magic

Acrylic

8" x 10"

NFS

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Jason Mauer

Cat Lantern

Paper

11" x 8" x 8"

\$150

Mahtomedi High School

Hello, my name is Jason. Please enjoy what I
put out in the world



Ceci Mayer

What I've Seen

Digital photography

7.5" x 13.5"

\$110

St. Croix Preparatory Academy

I enjoy taking photos of different landscapes, objects or animals. I especially like taking underexposed photos for the dramatic effect of them, mostly keeping a color scheme for a photo. For this photo, I took pictures of almost 50 year old dolls which were at my Grandpa's house. I always thought that the dolls were really creepy, and by using different exposures I made them look almost life like.



Cove

Rat Delusion

Colored pencil, tape,
paper, ink

8.5" x 11"

NFS

Woodbury High School

I am an artist in 12th grade at Woodbury High School. I have been doing art since middle school and love all sorts of different media including animation, digital art, sculpture, and drawing. Because of my love of these very different mediums, I feel like I have an endless amount of ways to express my ideas through art.



Adelyn McCarrell

Seeing Double

Digital photography

10" x 16"

NFS

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

I am a high school student who is in a photography class. I play multiple sports and have never been an artsy student, but I joined photography and have learned to love it. The photograph is a low-key image and it's of my friend Soren. The editing process was super fun. I hope you enjoy!



Matti McDaniel

Thermal

Oil pastel

14" x 10"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

Hi I'm Matti McDaniel from White Bear Lake. Throughout my life I have enjoyed making artwork and expressing myself through it.



Maia McKane

*South Dakota Summer
Sunset*

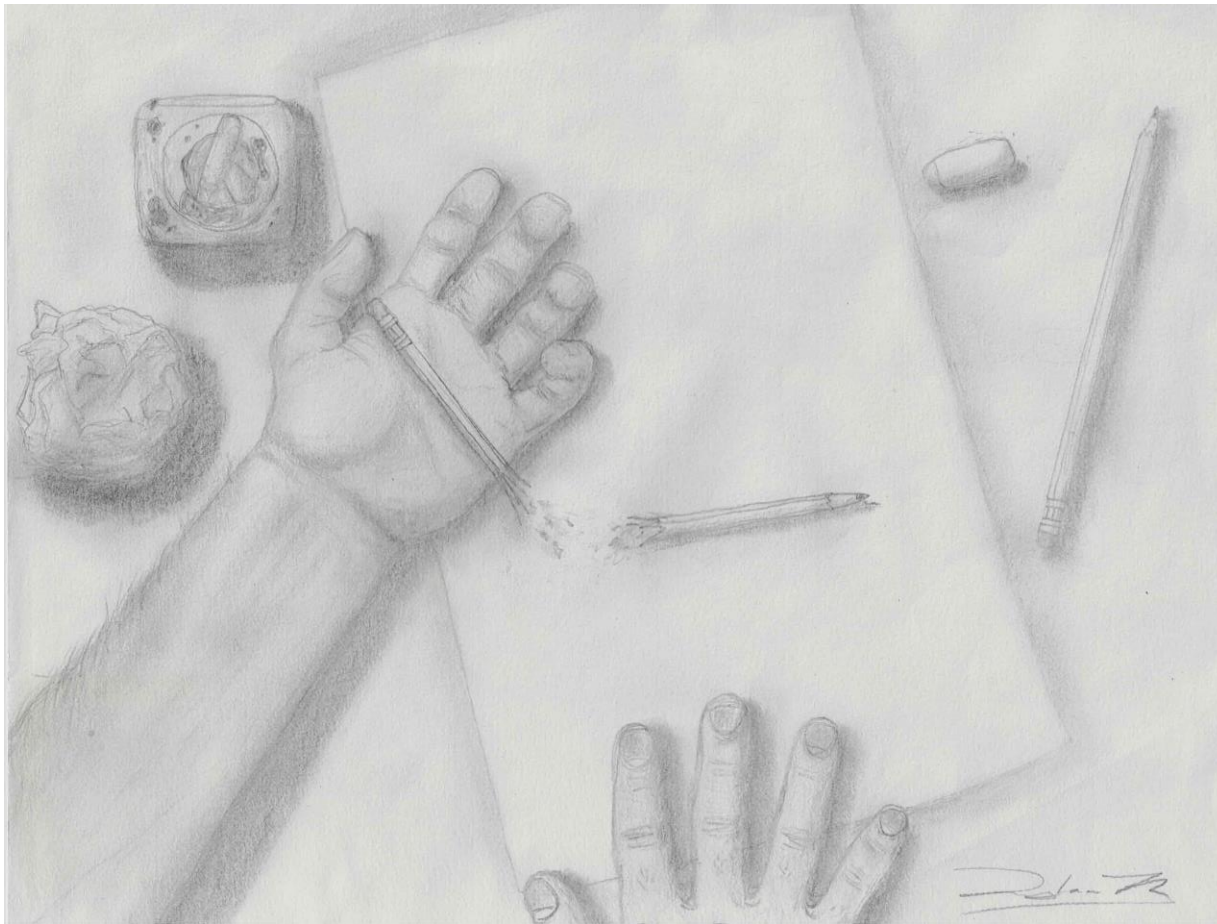
Acrylic on canvas

16" x 12"

NFS

Centennial High School

Hello. My name is Maia McKane. I was born and raised in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The things I value most in life would be my relationship with God, my family and friends, my dog, Sully, and kindness towards others. I paint landscapes mostly because it allows me to express my memories in the paintings. Also, I can create paintings that will be enjoyed by other people. Art creation to me reflects history and human experience.



Dylan Meisinger

Running Out of Ideas

Graphite on paper

16" x 20"

NFS

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

I made this one day when I didn't know what to do. I suddenly thought, "What if I just draw from my perspective when drawing?" And that is just what I did.



Ramsey Morrell

Aristotle Mural

Ceramic

10.5" x 7" x 7"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My main focus is Greek and Japanese styles of ceramics.



Tho Nguyen

Inner Child

Digital

11" x 14"

\$50

White Bear Lake Area High School

Hello, I'm a young artist that wants to challenge and express my creativity through art!



Tho Nguyen

Homemade Meal

Digital

11" x 14"

\$45

White Bear Lake Area High School

Hello, I'm a young artist that wants to challenge and express my creativity through art!



Tho Nguyen

Summer

Digital

11" x 14"

\$45

White Bear Lake Area High School

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Abby Odebrecht

West Winds

Acrylic

9" x 12"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



James Okeefe

Red Dragon

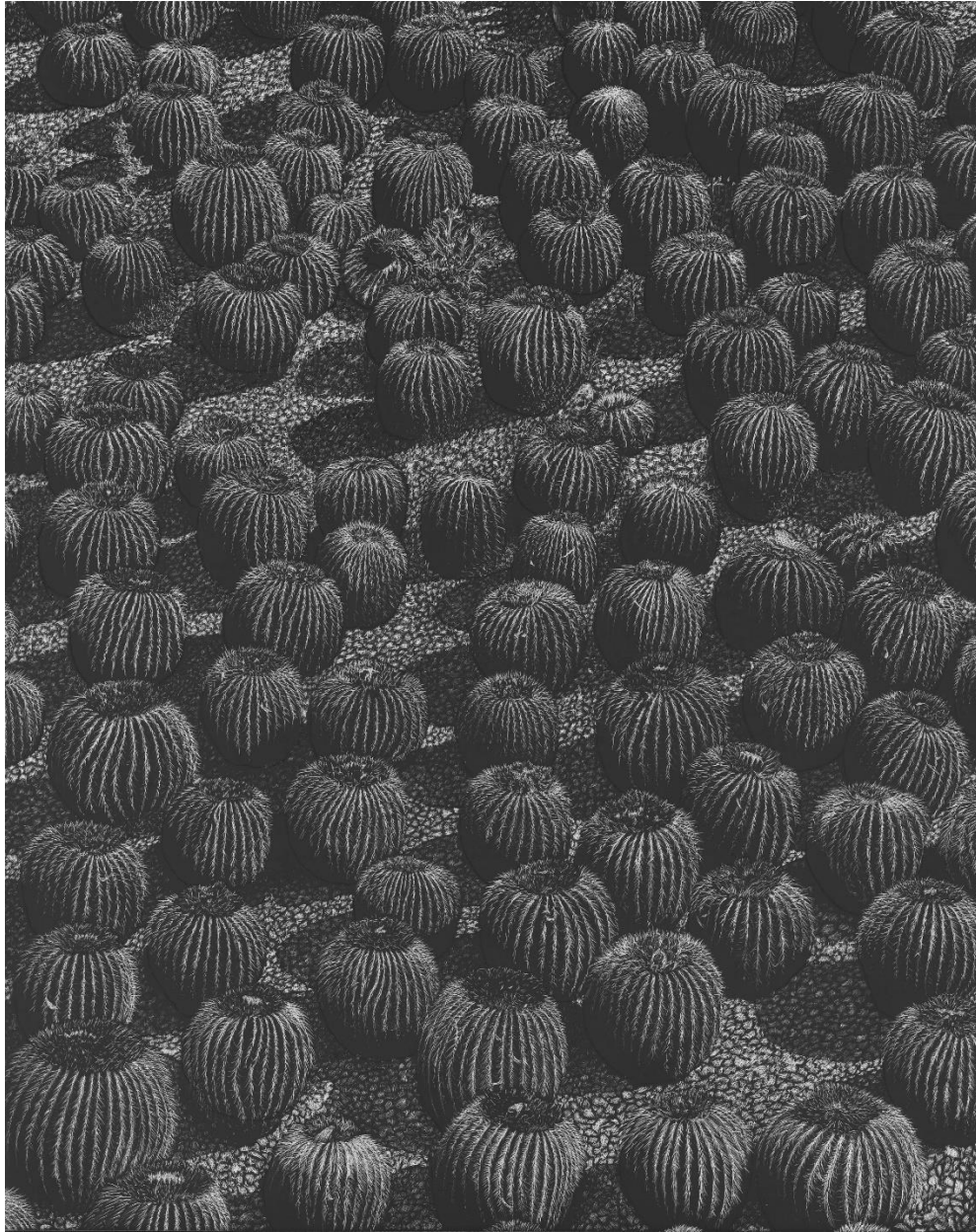
Ceramic

12" x 8" x 4"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I started my career as an artist when I did my mandatory art classes and discovered how much I love spending my time making things and creating. I've discovered a particular love for sculpting and I've been trying to make sculptures more and more detailed and realistic.



Jess Olson

Watch Your Step

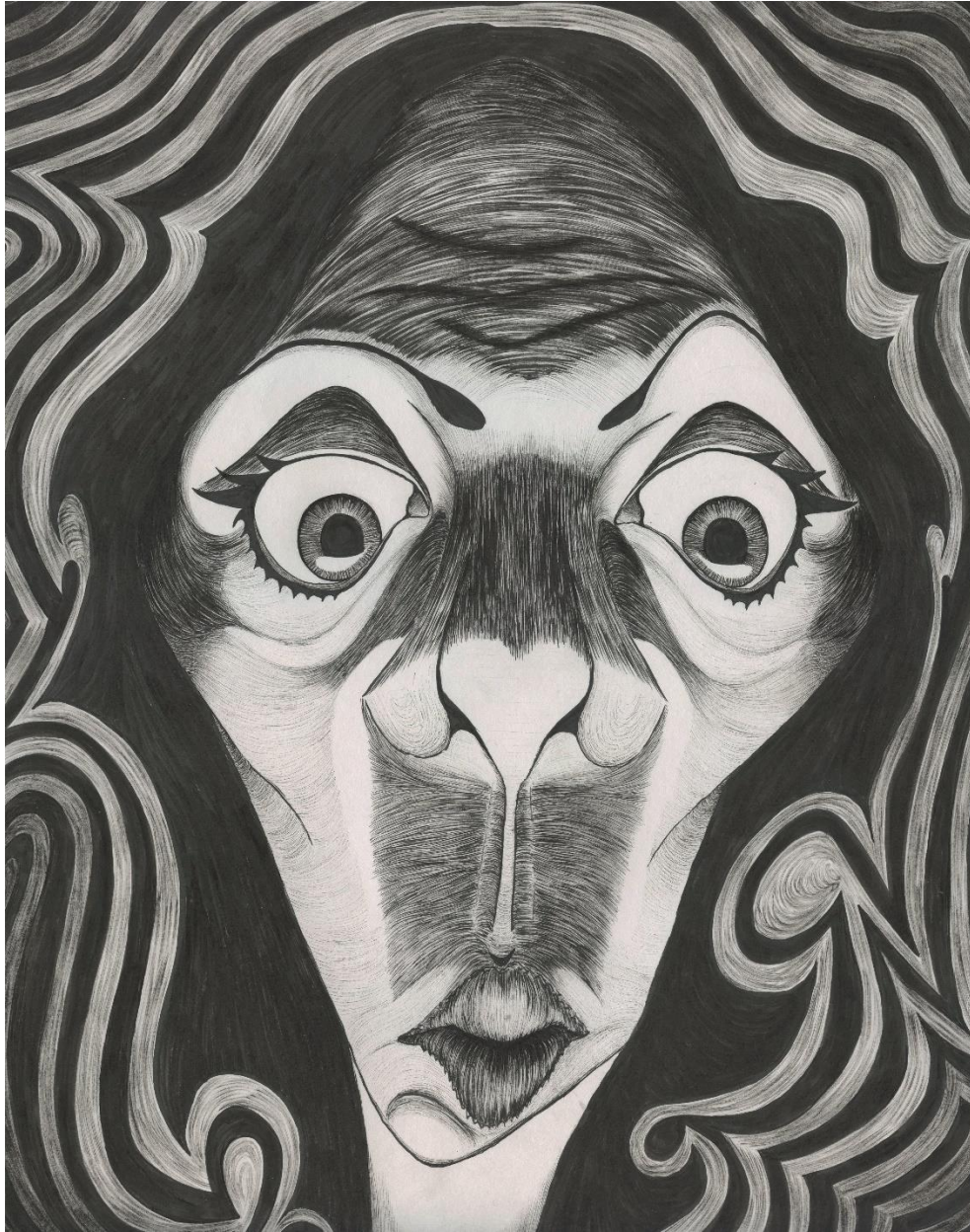
Scratchboard

10" x 8"

NFS

Irondale High School

As an artist, I like creating works using fine lines and details. While I enjoy the meditative state that comes with realism and its minuscule elements, I also branched out this year to develop more stylized and unique works. Many of these pieces had a heavy focus on the portrayal of emotions using distinct facial expressions.



Jess Olson

The Judge

Ink

14" x 11"

NFS

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Daniel Ortiz

The Cat That Looks at Your Soul

Photography with iPhone 11

3024 X 4032

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I loved taking photos since always, but I cannot afford a camera. If I did have a good camera, I would not just take it everywhere, the iPhone camera is great, and so I take most of my photos with it. When I see something that I think is pretty, a photo is taken. This is my favorite. I hope you like it, and thanks for the opportunity to showcase what I like, my art.



Tommy

Black and Blue Bird

Ceramic

13.5" x 8.5" x 2"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My works in ceramics are often created out of an inspiration by nature and music. "Black and Blue Bird" was inspired by a song, expressed in a form similar to Stephanie Wright's.



Tommy

"Fromagerie Bel" the Cow

Ceramic

6" x 5.25" x 5.5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My works in ceramics are often created out of an inspiration by nature and music.

"Fromagerie Bel" was inspired by the calming community of cows that I enjoy seeing graze in their pastures.



Meg Petersen

Sun Hat

Acrylic on paper

22" x 18"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

Meg enjoys painting the everyday things we often overlook to find hidden beauty in the mundane. She uses all types of traditional media to capture reflections, textures, and the subtleties of emotion.



Meg Petersen

Jars

White charcoal, pen on paper

23" x 19"

\$300

White Bear Lake Area High School

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WolfsTeeth

Messy Artwork

Pencil, colored pencil, ink,
alcohol marker, card stock,
construction paper

18" x 12"

NFS

Woodbury High School

I do a wide variety of works and mediums. Although my works have many different meanings, a lot of them are about nature and emotions.



Emmett Poppelman

Internal Conflict

Porcelain, stoneware

13.5" x 5" x 16"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I began this piece by trying to convey embrace into a visual form. I later altered the piece to represent an internal conflict in the body. The piece is falling apart as it is trying to hold itself together, represented by the cracks on the spouts highlighted by the gold. The heart in the middle is trying desperately to keep flowing while everything around it is crumbling and breaking.



Rylee

Piece 2

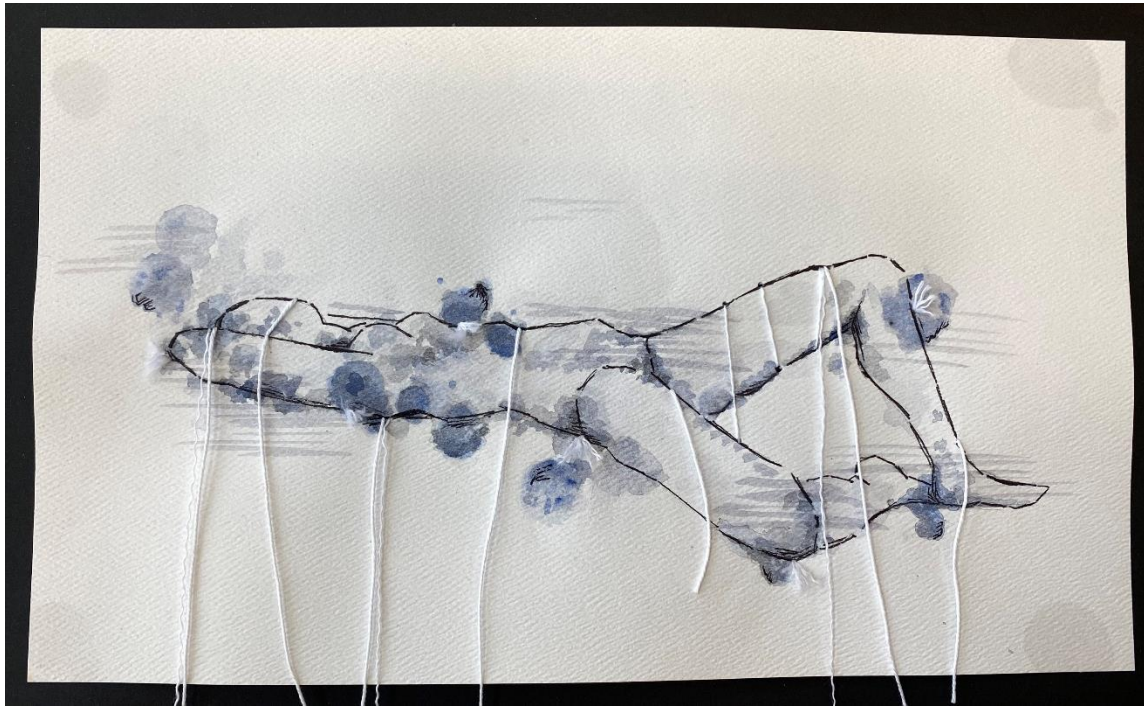
Watercolor

9" x 12"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

I enjoy experimenting with art and creating colorful art pieces.



Addie Raney

Untitled

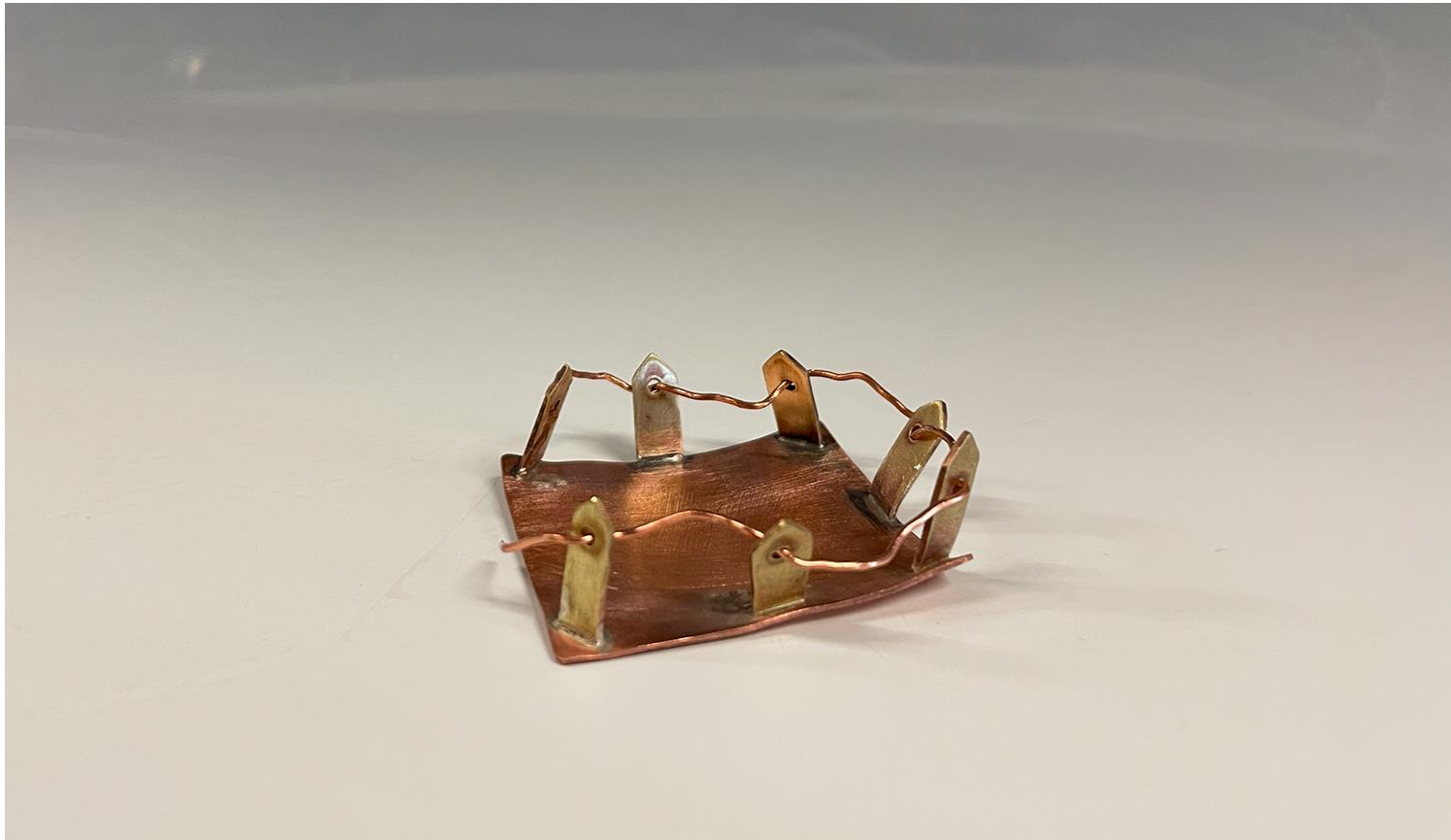
Pen, watercolor, string

10" x 13"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

One thing I really enjoy about creating art is hearing people have their own unique perception of my art. Obviously everyone is going to have their own thoughts, but I think it is much more fun when their opinion is uninfluenced. I usually wait to tell people what my art means so I can hear what comes from their heart, not trying to make connections based on what I tell them.



Madeleine Reed

Fallen Border

Metal

1" x 2" x 2"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Joey Reiner

Thoughts

Ceramic

7" x 5" x 5"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

This my second year as an almost exclusively clay-based artist. This schoolyear I have focused my pieces around the ideas of individuals and relationships. Each piece is created with a specific person close to me in mind. This specific piece is based on my grandmother, specifically around her love of gorillas and her introspective nature in thought and prayer.



Brendan Remely

Silver Ring

Metal

.5" x .75"

NFS

Stillwater Area
High School

The inspiration behind my rings includes a very wacky and flowy tone. I like to think outside the box while creating simple and clean pieces. It was fun to create the rings I submitted. More importantly, making the pieces help to connect me with my creative abilities.



Brendan Remely

Gold Ring

Metal

.5" x .75"

NFS

Stillwater Area
High School

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Brendan Remely

Silver and Gold

Ring

Metal

.5" x .75"

NFS

Stillwater Area

High School

The inspiration behind my rings includes a very wacky and flowy tone. I like to think outside the box while creating simple and clean pieces. It was fun to create the rings I submitted. More importantly, making the pieces help to connect me with my creative abilities.



Kendra Rick

Old Japanese Temple Lantern

Mixed media

13" x 11" x 8"

NFS

North Branch High School

I wanted to show that something could be beautiful even if old by creating this sculpture. This piece is a nod to traditional values, and I used the weathered finish to add to the historic feeling. I have always believed that old things can be renewed and used again. Most parts were constructed using the slap and coil technique. The windows were carved out by hand. It took over 16 slabs of clay.



Eden Riegle

Tread Carefully

Graphite

12" x 18"

NFS

Stillwater Area

High School

My name is Eden Riegle. I enjoy experimenting with different media. I like to think I am proficient in many of them. My works can range from a simple drawing in marker to a dress made entirely of paper made of all recycled materials. I hope my explorations with different media continues.



Anders Riesselman

Mind of Its Own

Sculpture

2.5" x 2" x 1.75"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

To make my sculpture I molded 11 pieces of beeswax together. To make the suction cups I used a flat tipped needle on the bottom. Once I had finished the wax sculpture, I casted my piece in a plaster and poured pewter in it. I then removed the sculpture, sanded it, and polished it.

My work explores the relationship between movement and craftsmanship. I wanted my sculpture to reflect the unique mind of an octopus.



Emily Rippentrop

Frozen With Fear

Acrylic on bristol board

10" x 9"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

This past year I have focused on expressing certain emotions through my artwork in hopes to connect to the viewer. I have been working on creating distinct facial expressions and accentuating the eyes. As my style has evolved, so has my technique. It has become so important to me to find meaning for every piece that I create and a purpose for every symbol, color, and brushstroke.



Nicolas

Danger

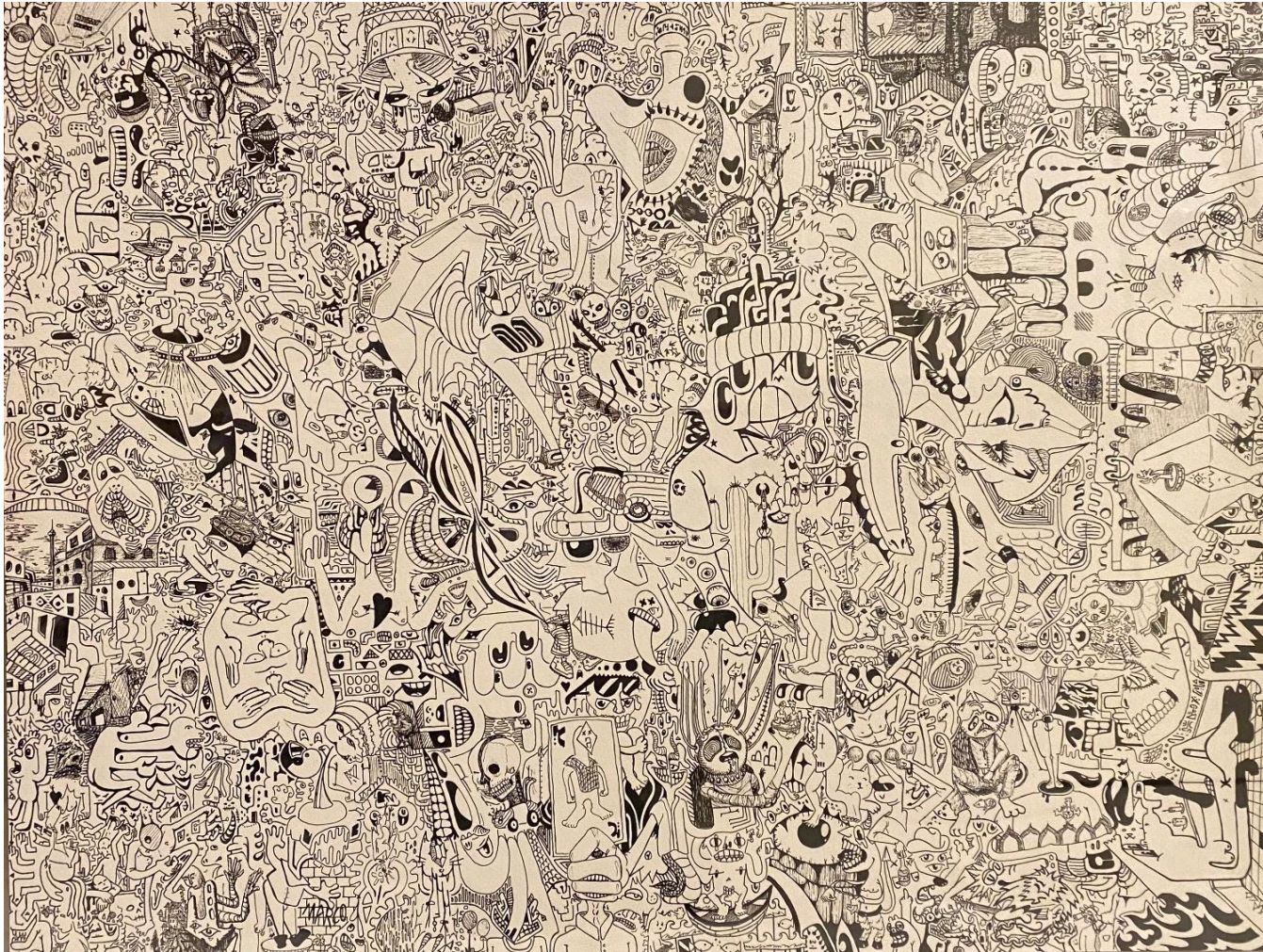
Photogram

5" x 7"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I have submitted old to new work, showing my growth in trying new techniques and format's. I enjoy history and wanted to combine my love for it in my previous works. For my latest in Duluth, MN, I just wanted to piece together different angles from a window. Capturing an unbalanced form and Duluth's business industry. As I create more in the future, I can't wait to see how I grow and try new things.



Marco Rodriguez

Untitled 2023

Pen on paper

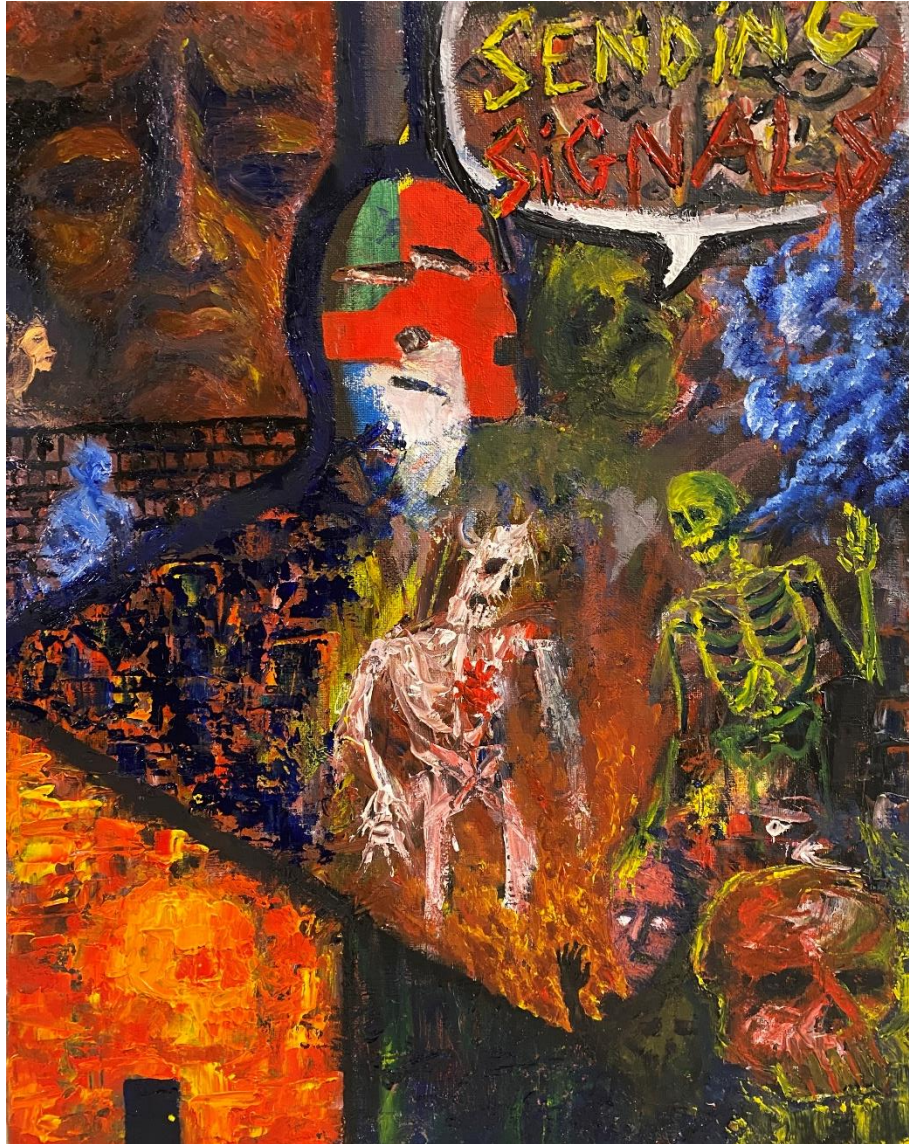
18" x 24"

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Marco Rodriguez

Sending Signals

Oil on canvas

20" x 16"

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Zoe Roettger

Cosmos Cavities

Acrylic on canvas

11" x 14"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

As an artist, I often find myself dwelling on the facets of humanity that connect us to the natural world around us. This year, I've been experimenting with acrylics in an attempt to convey how these natural elements are reflected within ourselves. Through surreal designs and vibrant colors, I hope to encourage introspection and do justice to this concept.



Joey Rowe

Insecurities

Air-dry clay

2" x 4" x 6"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

Ever since I could hold a crayon I have been creating art, and throughout the past few years I have improved immensely. I love sculpting and throwing the most out of all the mediums I do. I have big plans for my future and plan to go to university for art education.



Elsie Rush

Duality

Ceramic, wire

3" x 3" x 6"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

Music is a very large aspect of my life, so I decided to base my sculptures this year off of music that impacts me.



Sophia Sagerer

Equality

Acrylic, fabric, lace on canvas

20" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

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Sophia Sagerer

Overdrive

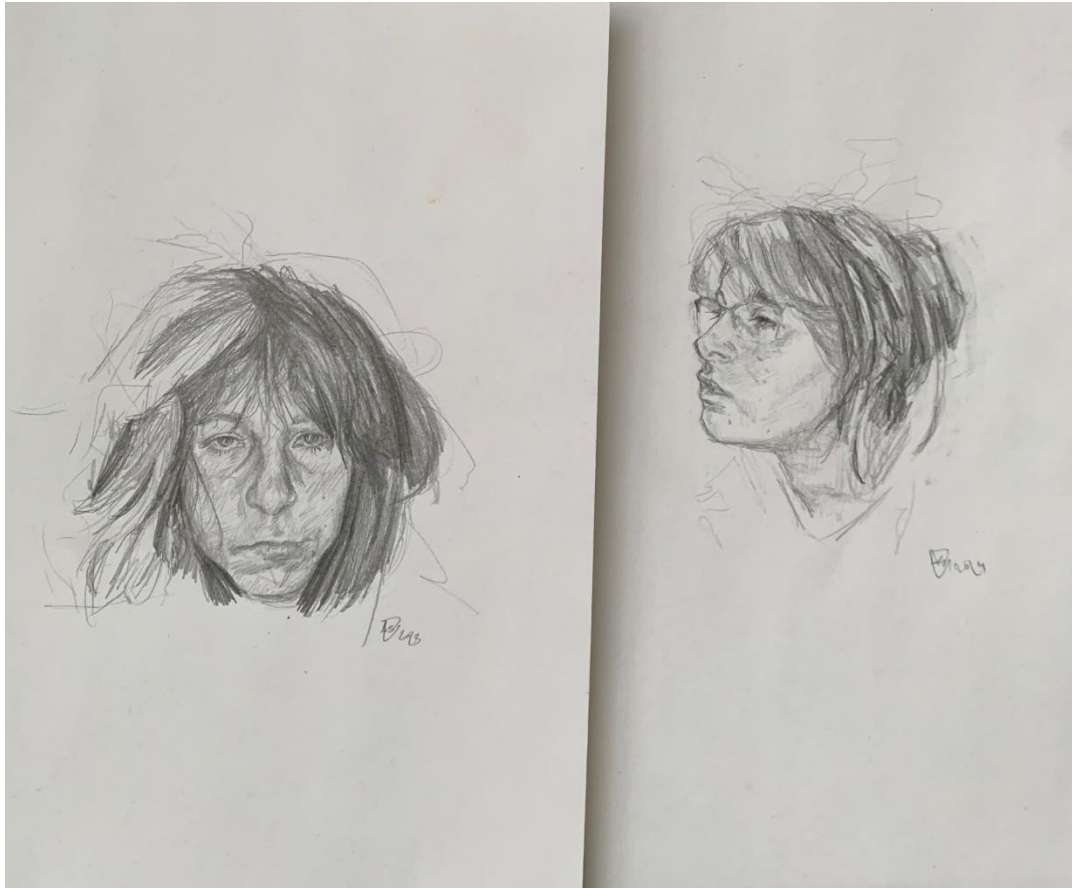
Acrylic on canvas

8" x 10"

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Astrid Scharff

Face Sketch #1

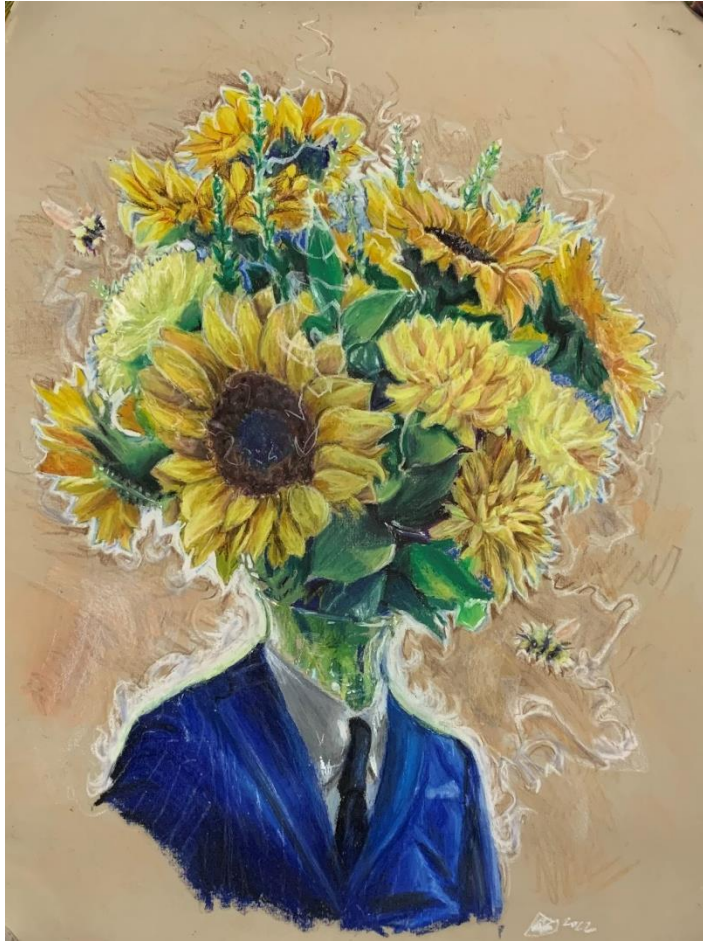
Graphite

10" x 10"

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Art for me is to take an idea, a feeling, and share it with whoever sees it. I want to be able to transport audiences into an interesting mindscape: one of mystery and curiosity. Ponder concepts and see value in your thoughts. Art can often be too forthcoming and swift to conclusion. My goal is for you, viewers, to make a story. "A thought, even a possibility, can shatter and transform us" -Fredrick Wilhelm Nietzsche



Astrid Scharff

Growing Change

Oil pastel, crayon

14" x 18"

NFS

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Stella Schroeder

The Fire

Pencil

8" x 5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

Hi, I'm Stella! My art means a lot to me not only because of how long it takes but because I put my emotions into each piece. Most weeknights after I finish my homework I end up sitting in my workroom drawing. I typically use a pencil as my medium but occasionally I will switch to watercolor or marker. This is the first time I'm showing my art to people outside of my family and friends!



Emie Shervheim

Gilligan's Island

Ceramic

12" x 12" x 3"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

I loved the process of coiling and smoothing to make this artwork. I especially like the feeling of the bumps on the inside. As the colors flow and blend together they remind me of the blue water and brown trees on Gilligan's island. I was born in Kharkiv, Ukraine. My family adopted me when I was 4. I have always loved creating- I see the world through a lens of color, texture and memories.



Kendall Smith

Garden Snake

Marker, colored pencil

12" x 9"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area
High School

As an artist, I have a big imagination and I feel like expressing myself to have fun. When it comes to my work, it is either animal themed, portraits of beautiful landscapes, or just how I feel every day. Art is one way of showing my creativity from my imagination.



Lia Sonka

Experimental Still Life

Charcoal, collage, colored pencil, marker

20" x 15"

NFS

Mounds Park Academy

My artwork serves as an outlet for me to both utilize and challenge my perfectionism. With the help of my mother, I've been able to step out of my comfort zone and experiment with some of the creative aspects of my artwork, while still satisfying my more methodical and literal approach to composition. The pieces I've submitted exemplify a creative take on a literal concept, as they are observational drawings with added and altered elements.



Annika Ilo Staloch

Man's Best Friend

Ceramic

7.75" x 10" x 4"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Benjamin Starr

Faces

Ink, alcohol marker

12" x 7.5"

NFS

Mounds View High School

Making art is a thing that I like to do.



Benjamin Starr

Chili Pepper

Painted wood, vinyl

19.5" x 12" x .75"

NFS

Mounds View High School

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Ruby Suro

Mechanical Beauty

Ceramic

12" x 10" x 1"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

Hello! My name is Ruby. Art has always been a part of my life, however, it wasn't until my senior year that I took an art class at my high school. Clay and painting has quickly become my favorite classes of the day and it has lead me to discover more about myself and the world around me. My goal for any piece I create is to illustrate complex concepts and convey compelling stories.



Magnolia Taylor

Balestrand

Ceramic

3" x 4" x 4"

\$55

Mounds View High School

My pottery is inspired by the beauty of Scandinavia. Lush organic nature, and modern design are both key aspects of the region. I try to interweave both of these themes in my art. My pieces themselves are an angular form, but the glazes are reflective of coastal Scandinavian tones. Our family has been fortunate enough to go to Scandinavia many times, and most pieces I make are inspired by a photo taken on our travels.



Magnolia Taylor

Oslo Pair

Ceramic

4.5" x 8.5" x 4"

Large Oslo \$45, Small Oslo NFS

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Magnolia Taylor

Copenhagen + Tjörn

Ceramic

6" x 8" x 3"

Copenhagen (mug): \$40,

Tjörn (vase): \$40

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Ruby Tenpas

Lock Jaw

Digital photography

11.5" x 7.5"

\$75

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

I am Ruby Tenpas and I go to St. Croix Prep. I created this piece during school and used photo editing software to edit the photo during school. I took this photo because I thought that the skull evokes a lot of emotion. For example, I think that because it's a skull it makes for a feeling of loss instead of an alive face.



Lily Thai

Incense Burner With Smoke and Ashes

Charcoal

14" x 10"

NFS

Irondale High School

As a Vietnamese-American, my art grapples with the liminal space between my cultures. In creating lived, intimate narratives and depictions of my cultural experiences I seek to deconstruct fetishizations and subdue misrepresentation. My pieces reveal cognitive dissonance between my impulse to celebrate my culture and a need to critique it. I strive to open opportunities for discussion and education, giving Vietnamese-Americans not only a vessel to tell our story, but a visual representation of it.



Lily Thai

Dinner, Party

Watercolor

5.5" x 8"

NFS

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Confirmation

Watercolor

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Sam Thein

Gold Tooth

Ceramic

10.5" x 5" x 5.5"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My name is Sam, I am 17 years old, and I am a junior at Mahtomedi High School. I take pottery class there and throughout the past year I have developed a strong passion for ceramics. I have an addiction for throwing pots on the wheel and I am constantly improving my skill. I started off making small off-center pieces, and now I can make large vases, bowls, and planters.



Charlie Thein

Handsome Gunner

Pencil

29.25" x 24"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My name is Charlie Thein, I am an 11th grader at Mahtomedi High School. Drawing is a recent skill I discovered this year when I took an Intro to Drawing class. Ever since then, I have found a lot of enjoyment in drawing different images, but drawing my dog Gunner is definitely my favorite. I plan to continue to develop my skills in Advanced Placement drawing class this semester and next year.



Mia Thomas

The Golden One

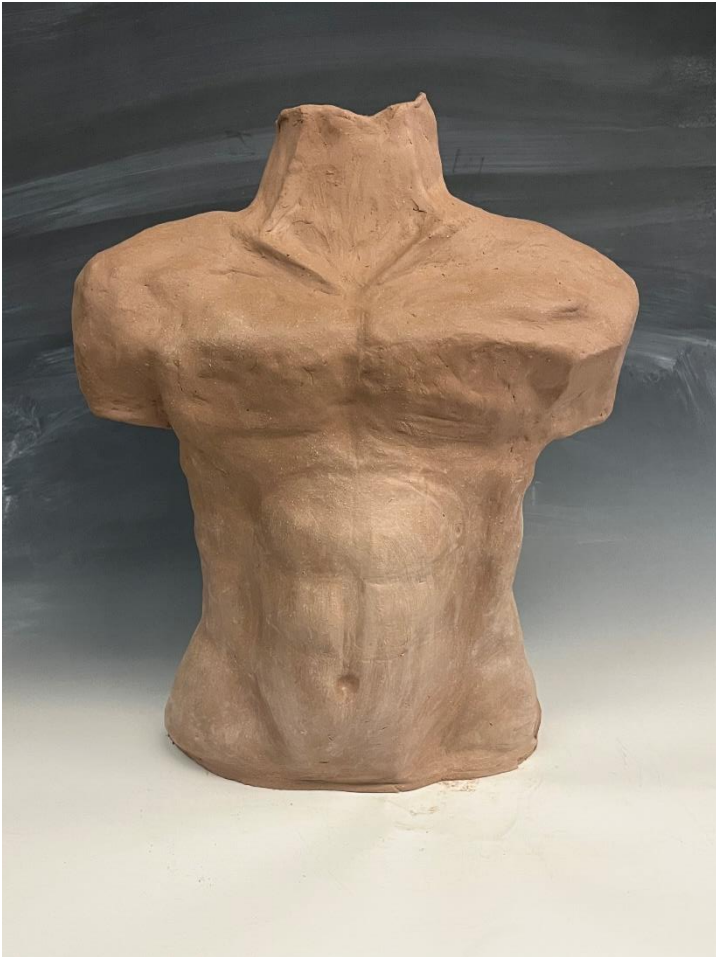
Watercolor, fine tip colored pens

12" x 9"

NFS

Mounds View High School

Hi! I draw art because it helps put deep overwhelming feelings on paper. It helps clear my mind so sometimes I like to pull back and go more into a fantasy setting, or something that just looks pretty. Normally I love to do watercolor paintings with colored pens, (for example, The Golden One). But I've been trying to branch out into different mediums! I hope you enjoy this piece!



Quill

Ikáporos

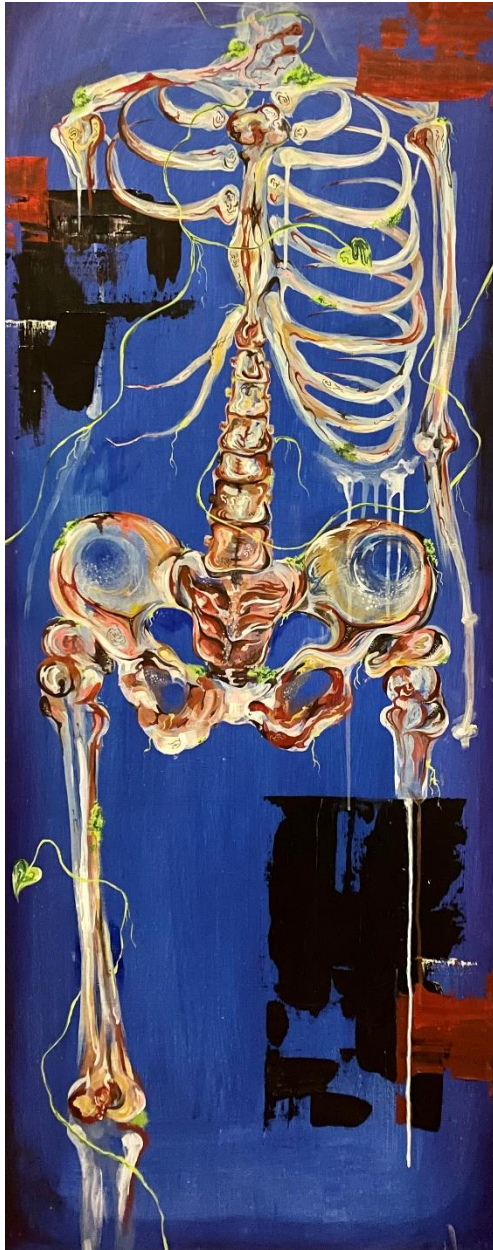
Ceramic

17" x 6" x 14"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My name is Quill and I really enjoy ceramics and painting. I love to make pieces that have that an older ancient look, influenced by Greek and Celtic culture and mythology. I enjoy adding movement to my pieces. Something about myself and my art is that I love trying something new. I would love to follow my passion into a career in art. After high school, I hope to go to school in Ireland.



Jasmine Tirado

Overgrown

Acrylic on canvas

48" x 20"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

I don't know what I'm doing as an artist or what to create next, but I choose to keep learning and push my creativity further. I think that's why artists do this. We simply create to find an escape, even if it's just for a short period of time. And that's what I'm trying to do.



Jasmine Tirado

Silent Scream

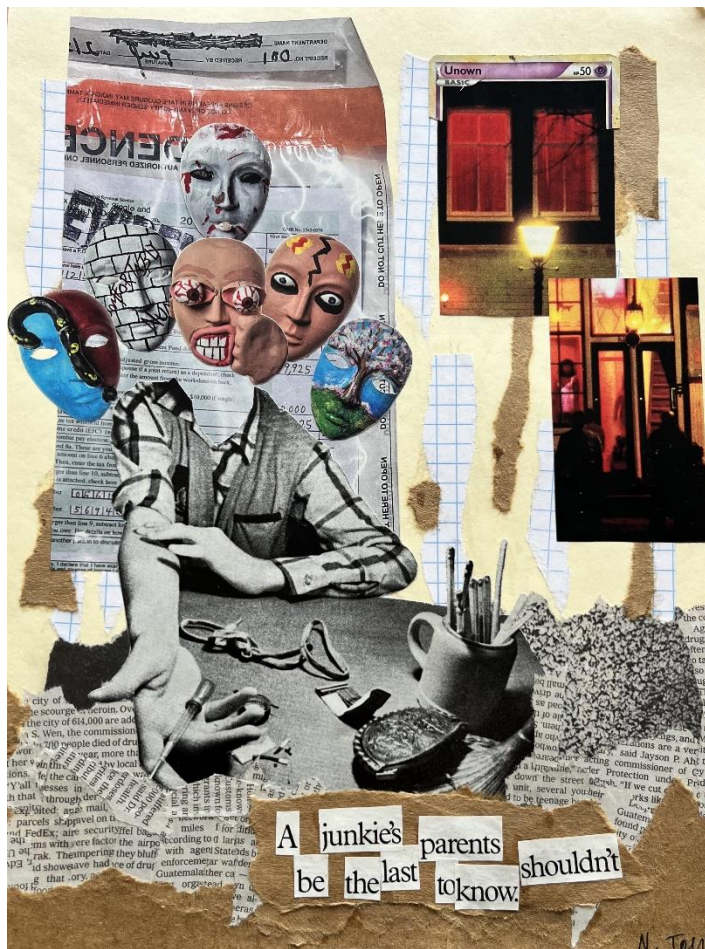
Watercolor, colored pencil on watercolor
paper

17" x 17"

NFS

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Natane Tom

All My Friends Keep Dying From Drugs

Paper

12" x 9"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

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Natane Tom

Them Ol' Bones

Mixed media

12" x 9"

NFS

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Finley Topel

Olivia and the Rock

Photography

8" x 12"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Emilyn Troup

Tabletop Clutter

Pencil

20" x 20"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My work exhibits things that are generally ignored in real life and finds beauty in the small things. I find beauty in the everyday items we see everywhere - which may be as simple as the items on somebody's coffee table-and bring that beauty to light.



Rebekah Weidell

Drip Drop

Digital photography

17.5" x 9"

\$120

St. Croix Preparatory
Academy

As a photographer, I love to capture the still moments in life that we see around us. I love taking photos outdoors as you never know what you will see. When I'm photographing outdoors, my goal is to keep an eye out for the unexpected. My favorite photos to take are ones that make the viewer feel like they are in a dream. I try to focus on a feeling to immerse the viewer.



Madison Wendorf

Lycoris Radiata

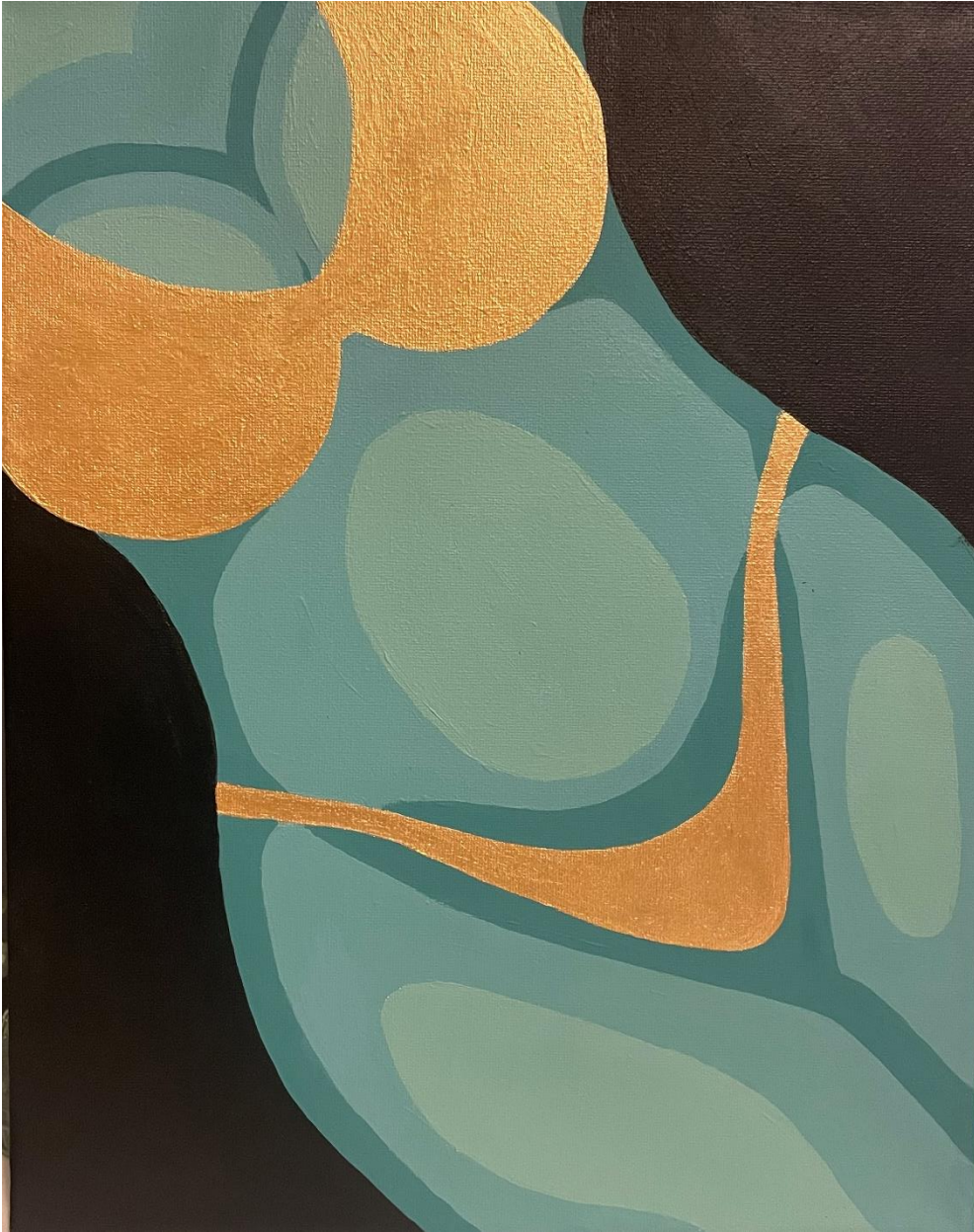
Acrylic on canvas

10" X 10"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My art takes a lot of inspiration from how I'm feeling, and what's happening around me. I've been having a lot of fun experimenting with art recently from learning new techniques, mediums and tools. Painting flowers and trees in my art has been a fun way to test different techniques, and to bring out different meanings through flower choice, color choice, medium choice and technique choice. I love art for the variety and feelings.



Emma White

Self Image

Acrylic

14" x 11"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My peice is about showcasing a woman's body. I put the main subject in a bra to show her at a vulnerable state and to hopefully inspire people to be more confident in their own skin.



Addyson

Too Many Thoughts

Graphite

10' x 8'

NFS

Stillwater Area High School



Winston Wright

The Wet Sun

Digital photography

11" x 17"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

To describe myself as an artist I would like to say I take strong powerful photos that all show a clear theme of sunlight or nature. I love to be outdoors and find those perfect spots to capture a perfect sunset or maybe a dark cloudy snowfall. To sum it all up, I would say I'm an artist who shows the world through the sun.



Anika Wright

Growth Through Change

Scrap metal

12" x 9" x 3"

NFS

Stillwater Area High School

My name is Anika Wright I love working with different materials including metals, wiring, acrylic, and clay. My artwork focus is turning figurative language into art.



kamelia

Trapped

Digital photography

11.25" x 13.25"

NFS

St. Croix Preparatory Academy

I was walking in my yard with my dogs during a snow storm, when I came across one of my doors "snowed in." I didn't grow up in Minnesota, and never experience snow, so its very enjoyable for me. Of course, this was for a school assignment, but I really did enjoy the mood the picture gave off. I felt trapped during the snow storm, and this really captured it.



Cadence Yang

Chloe's Request

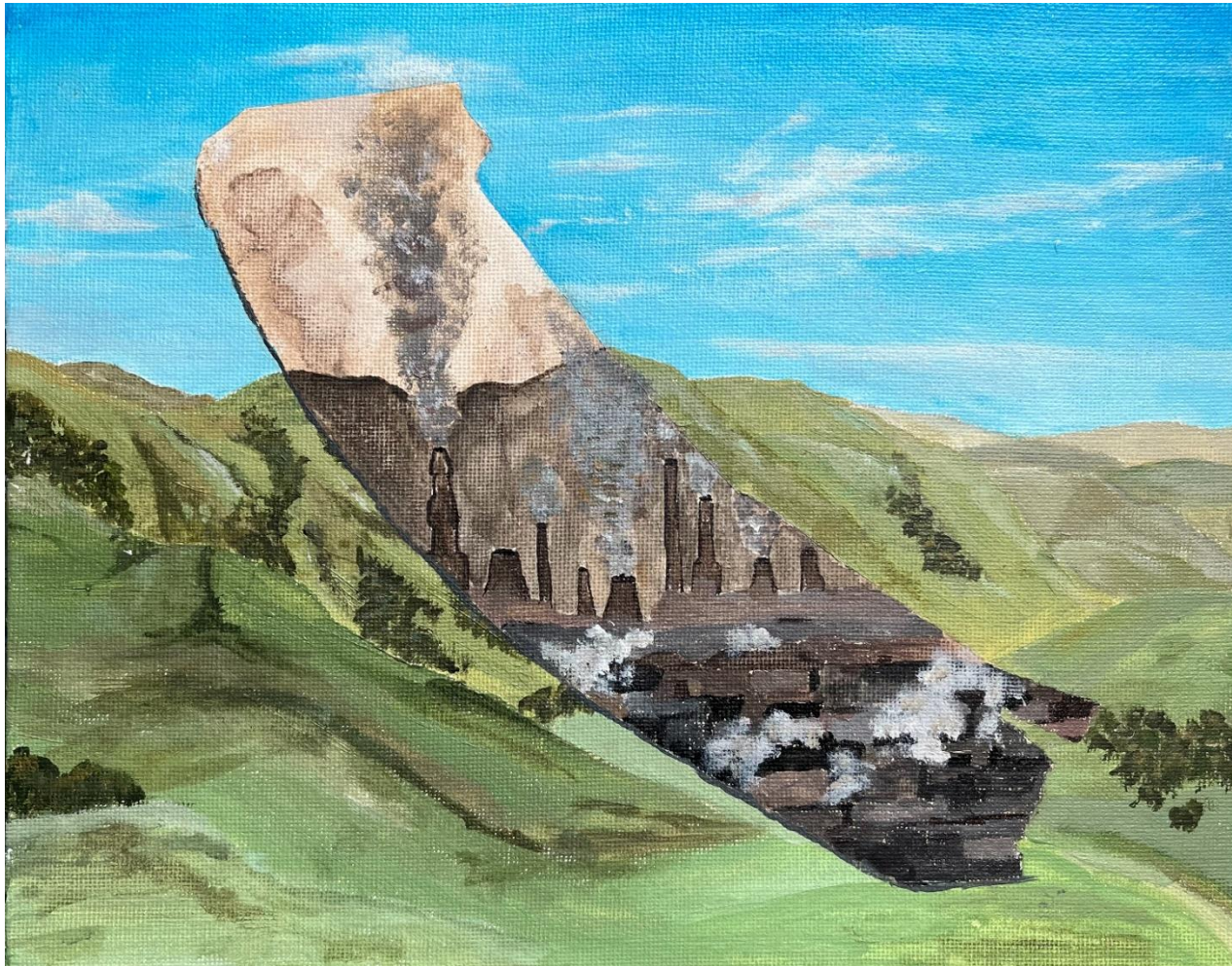
Acrylic

12" x 16"

NFS

White Bear Lake Area High School

I am trying get into as many arts as I can, but painting and drawing are the things I can do best. My friend requested that I paint them, this is their portrait.



Brooke Zemke

*Industrialization in a
Brushstroke*

Acrylic on canvas

10" x 8"

NFS

Mahtomedi High School

My acrylic paintings on canvas capture the environment around us. Pictures from my trip to the Boundary Waters inspired me to paint this serene landscape. This piece shows the beauty of the lakes and holds precious memories for me. I appreciate the outdoors and this motivates me to create paintings that reflect a variety of landscapes and the impact humans make on our beautiful land.



Ema Zhechkova

Under the Spotlight

Digital photography

7.5" x 7.5"

\$80

St. Croix Preparatory Academy

I'm a positive and hopeful person. I believe in love, chasing your dreams and finding the beauty in the littlest things. I try to represent how I see the world in my photographs and show people how simple things can mean so much. Sometimes less is more. With my photos, I want to inspire people to look more in depth at things and believe that there is beauty amongst the ugliness in this world.

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