2021 Mid-Carolina Region Scholastic Art & Writing Awards



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Gold Keys in Art & Writing





Disperse

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School





"Arwen gathered the moonbeams in her hands. Moonbeams were difficult to handle, even more so as the clouds shielded them from reaching the earth. But every so often, they would get through. They slipped through one's fingers as easily as water."

Science Fiction & Fantasy: Evermore



Where were we

Justin Pierce, W.A. Hough High School





Colors of the Mind

Barbara Butryn, Hanes Magnet School





Creative Cacophony

Brenda Bradley, Cramerton Middle





Lantern



"You see, autistic individuals need this. They crave human connection and attention just like all of us do, but they are often overlooked because of their intellectual challenges. This has to stop. We must be better."



Critical Essay: Inclusion: The Importance and Impact in Today's Society



Alexis Bernales-Gonzales

Beautiful but Fragile

Elisa Wadsworth, Mallard Creek High School





Self Portrait



Nathan Newsome, West Forsyth High School



Vulnerability in Exposure

Viloki Patel, Mallard Creek High School



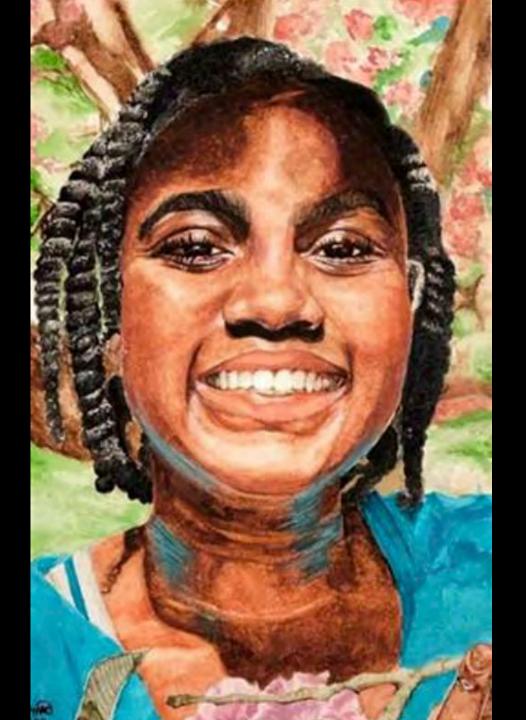




Janis Henderson, North Stokes High School



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A Disconnection Dilemma



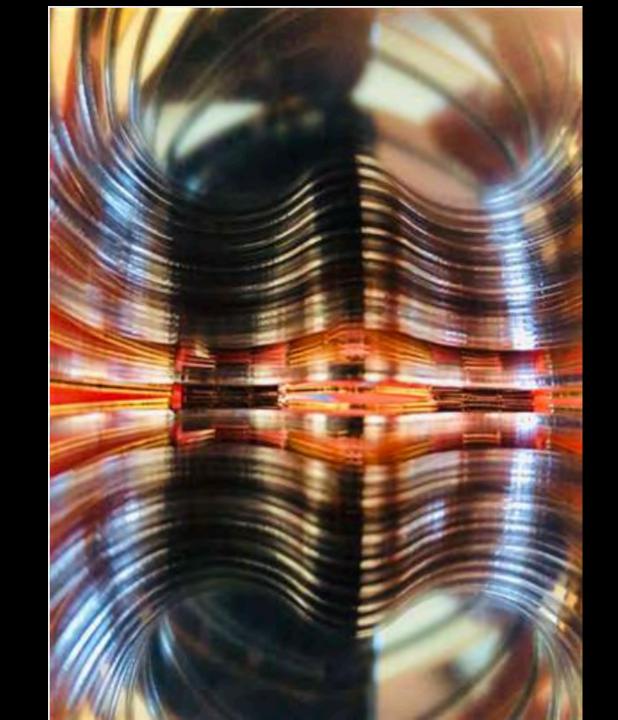
Ashley Graham, South Mecklenburg High School



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Through the Rabbit Hole

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Susan Chemmanoor

Poetry: Amma

"i wake to amamma praying under her breath and dosas sizzling in the pan.

i never know what she's saying but i hear the pain in her voice every morning.

i offer my help in the kitchen only to get shunned away.

you see, cooking is her way of showing affection."



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Poetry: the curse of the second generation

"He wants to stand up, get himself to safety, but there is no feeling in his lower body. He tries to shout, but there is no voice in his throat. Slowly, he grabs his phone from his pocket..."



Flash Fiction: Yes, I Will











Devin Cho

Portfolio: Relationships

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School





"I miss those days—days when I didn't have extra time to waste, when I didn't have to convince myself that chai tea and saltines enjoyed in the afternoon is productive. Fog hovers around my bed in thick rivers, seeping into my pores and settling across my skin, suffocating my motivation to learn."



Maggie Christopher

Personal Essay & Memoir: What to do When Time is Stagnant

"Who would've thought that such an archaic pattern seen in the simplest of lifeforms could lead to a breakthrough now applied to the most complex problems of our modern world?"



Journalism: Cut and Paste: CRISPR, Disease, and Designer Babies





Samuel Coleman

The Important Things

Alison Blaylock, Myers Park High School





Beneath the Surface

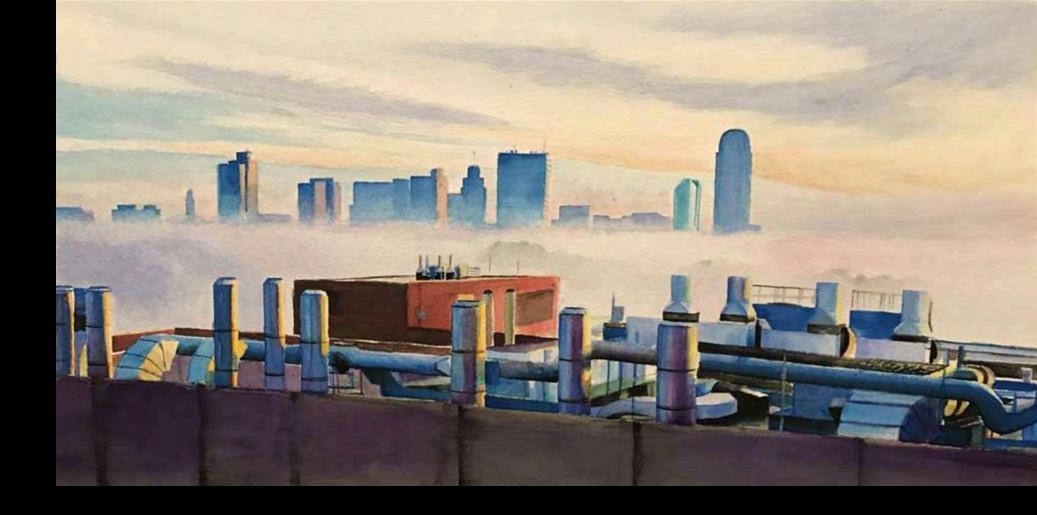
Allison Blaylock, Myers Park High School



Time's Harmony and Struggle

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School







Annette Curti

Winston-Salem Skyline

Elizabeth Betson, West Forsyth High School



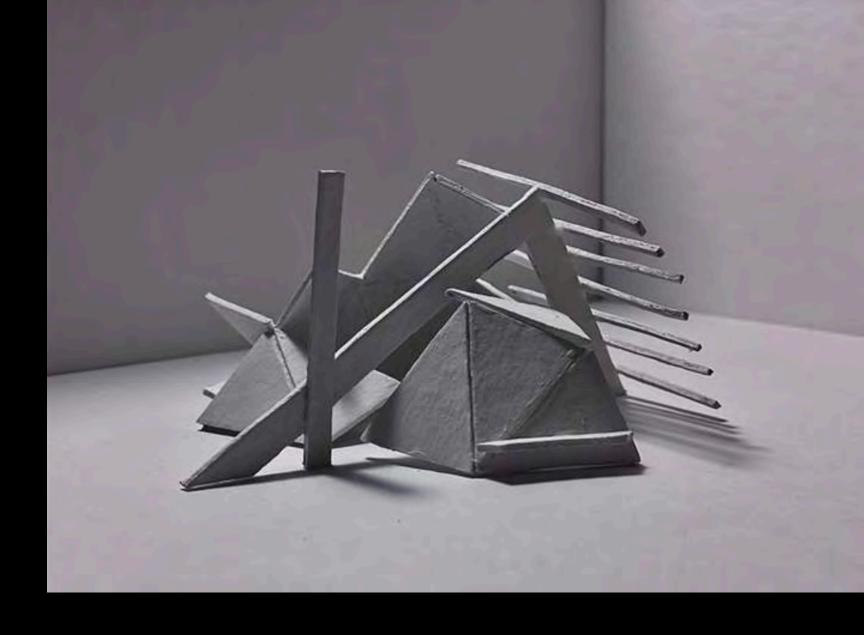
A Dream as Beautiful as You



Cara Matocha, Lake Norman Charter High School



Exposed



"rocking her to sleep for the fourth time this dark hour while you tuck in five more

all staring at the same moon Mother meets from her hospital bed."



Poetry: Mother is Near

Charlotte Latin School



Blooming Soul

Richard Fletcher, Charlotte Latin School





Mush-rib





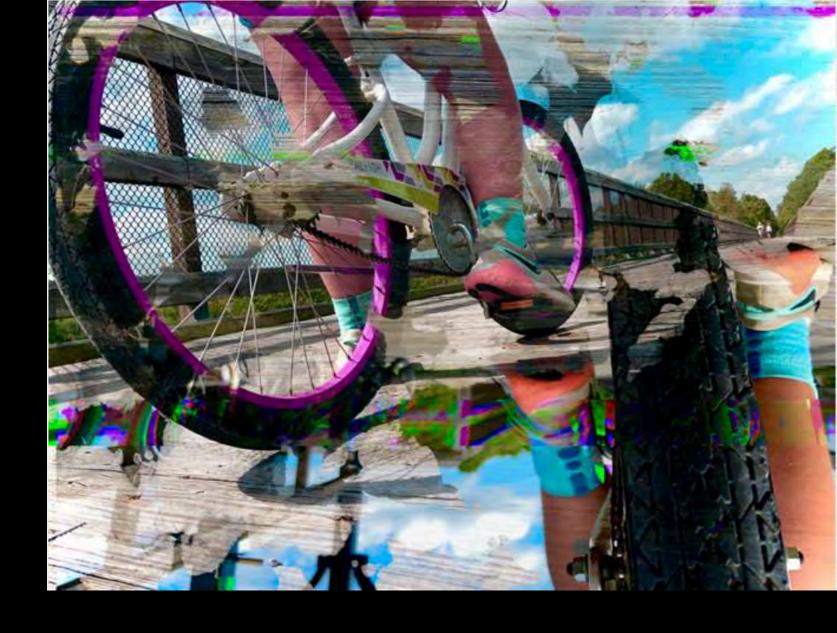
It's My Time!

Meredith Jones, Walkertown Middle School





Riding the High Bridge



Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School



Dread Sunflowers

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School







Savannah Faunce

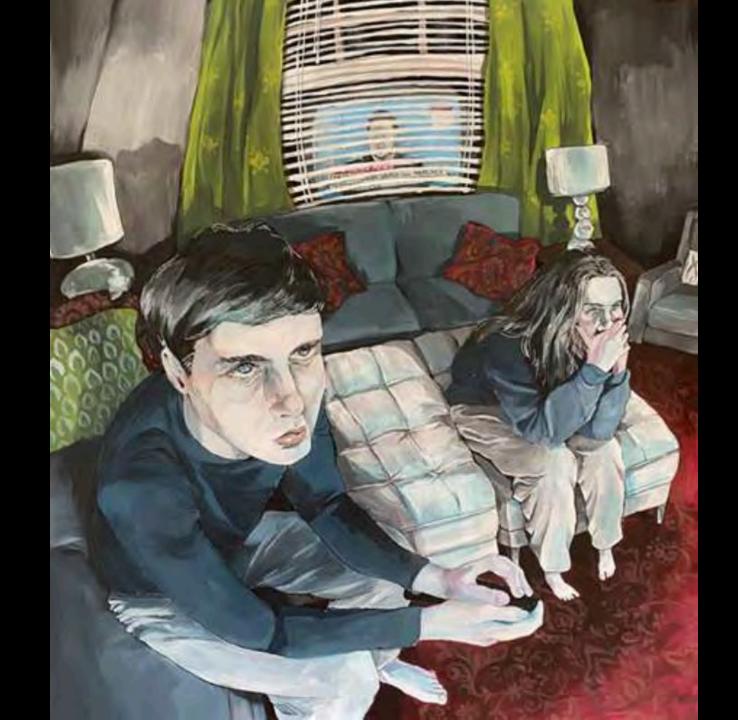
Life is a Balance of Holding On and Letting Go

Justin Pierce, W.A. Hough High School



Evening News

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School

















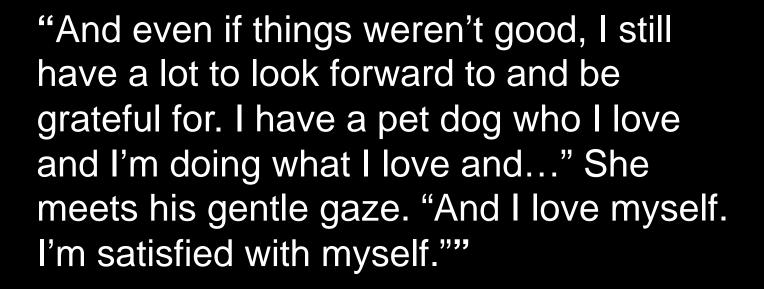






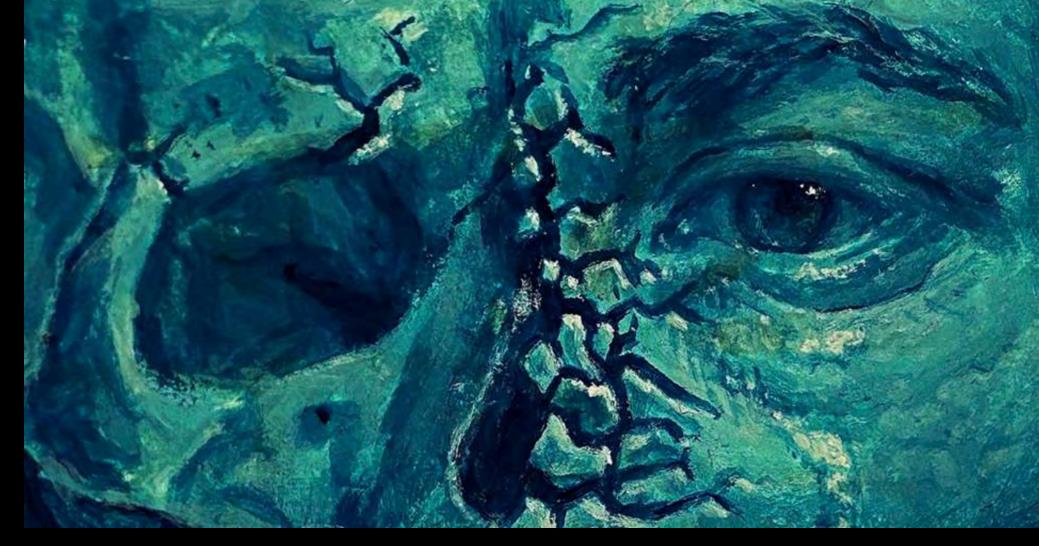
Pinkies Up

Lisa Holder, Myers Park High School





Short Story: A Picture of Bittersweet





Cross Genco

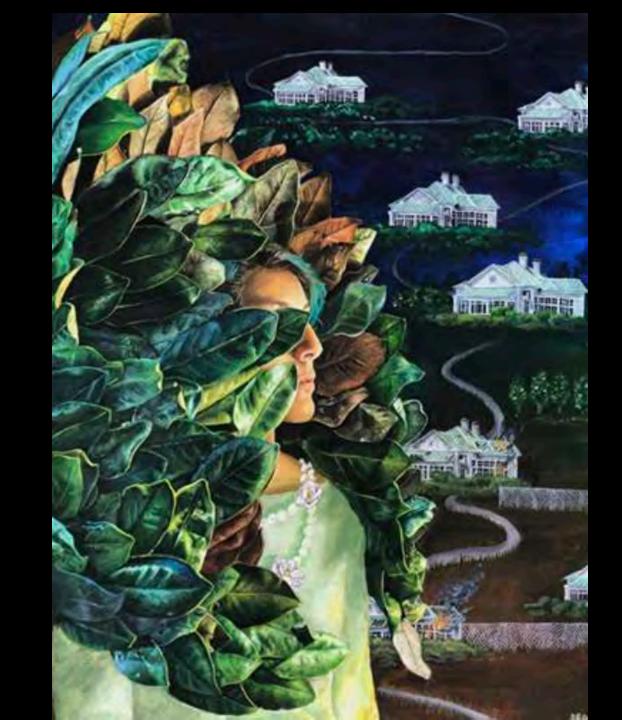
Infection

Joshua Cornwell, Northwest School of the Arts



Country Club Hellscape

Kaitlin Botts, UNC School of the Arts







Brain Juice

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Poetry: Let My People Go







Past the Old Highway





Caged Torso











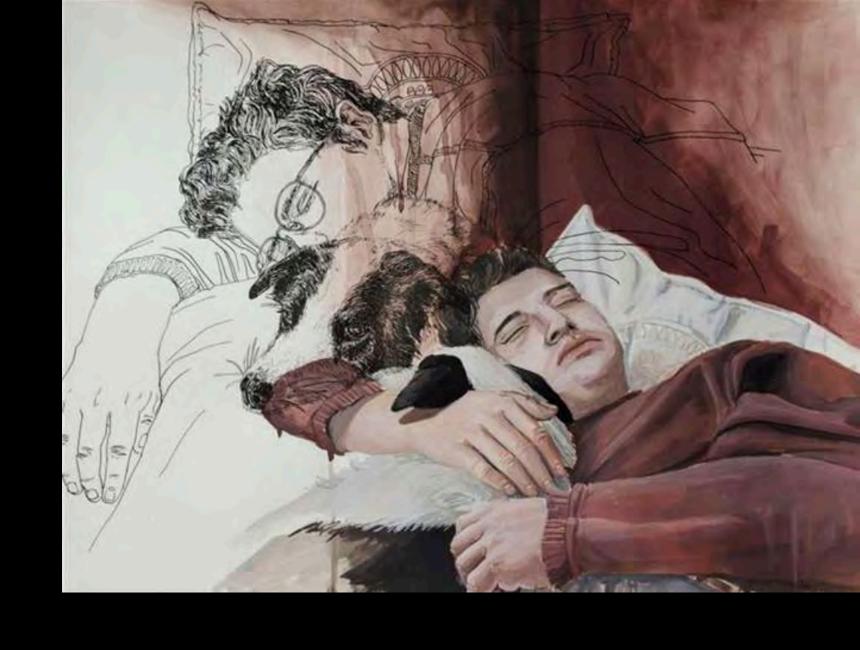


Evan Goldhagen

Portfolio: Exploration in Form









Slumber



Blurred

Lisa Holder, Myers Park High School





She Who Fakes a Smile

Clark Hawgood, Charlotte Latin School



I'm a little different from the boys I grew up with I went from a shuddering, stuttering jalopy to a Lexus. I believe it's unequivocal proof of my proficiency, despite the disadvantages bestowed upon me at infancy.

You know, little things—

like possessing a copious amount of melanin in the same America that demonized the mahogany stained hands

that toiled to weave the web of wealth too many of my neighbors blindly nestle into today.



Portfolio: the modern teenage artist



Covid Hugger

Dwayne Wilson, Charlotte Country Day Middle School





"Am I Black Enough?"

Kody Hall, Mallard Creek High School



"In unpacked boxes somewhere in this house lie stacks and stacks of pictures from my mother's photography years. as they collect dust, I realize I am no longer from these photos."



Poetry: Nomad



Portfolio: Division

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in a way that I am not.
I've always been told I'm the spitting image of youyour big green eyes like looking into a mirror,
reflections tying an unbreakable string between
you and me."



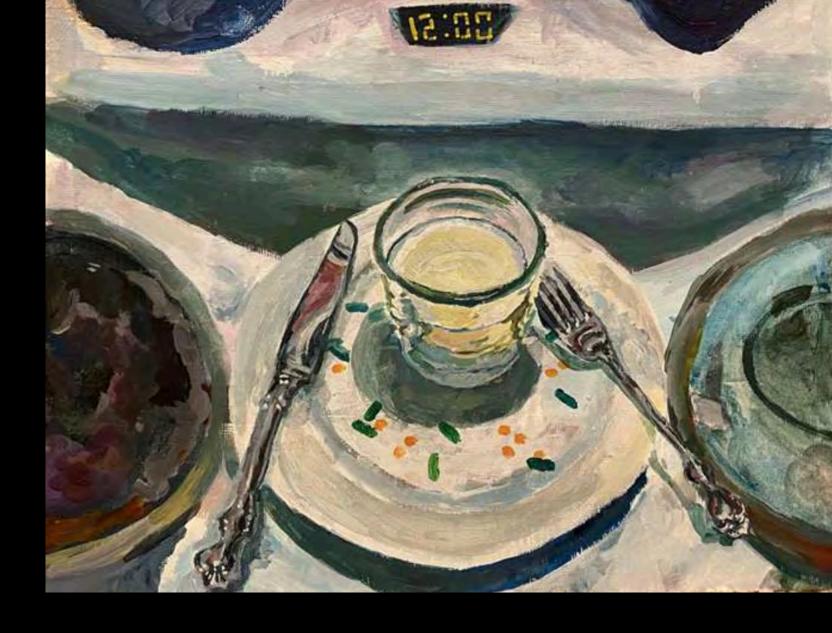
Please Hold On to Me, I Love You

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School





The Temptation





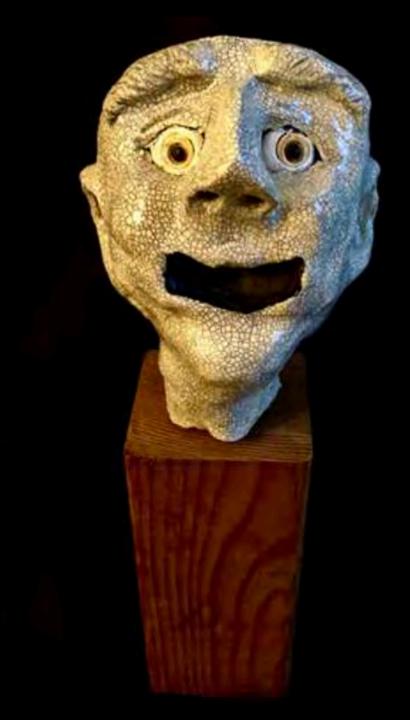
Self Portrait

Kaila Gottschling, Home School





On the Verge



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Personal Essay & Memoir: My Story



Poetry: Tear:

"concentrated rage and fury; the essence of lust and pleasure; manifestation of loss and grief; symptom of euphoria; marker of seven deadly sins;"

Gaston Day School



Poetry: 21st Century

"How many mass shootings

Does it take for a man to understand

Children hiding behind cabinets or locked doors

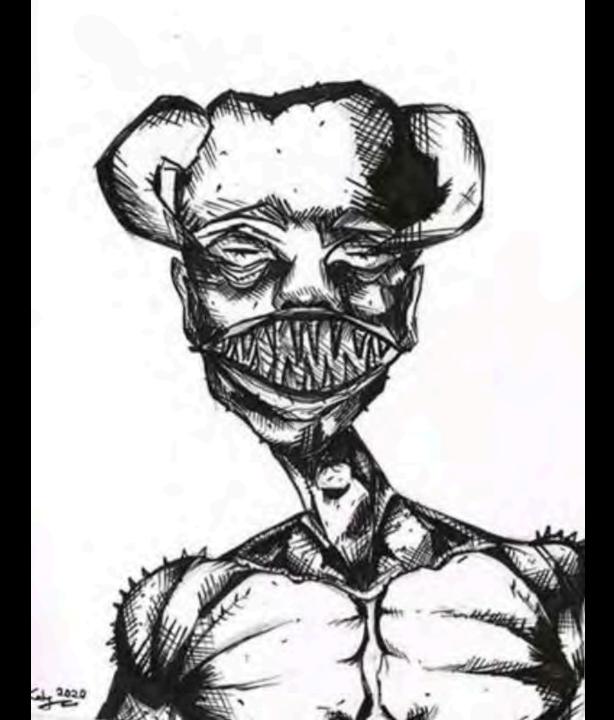
To relinquish their guns

No more parents dancing with the ghosts of their daughters and sons

How many times does "I can't breathe" have to be yelled by a dying voice"



Demon





Drowning in Math

Karen Liebner, Charlotte Christian School





Romanticizing the Mind

Kelley Shelley, David Butler High School



"I've never known her, except for the twenty-four hour period in which she discarded me. She moves eloquently in the rain, a quiet dance."



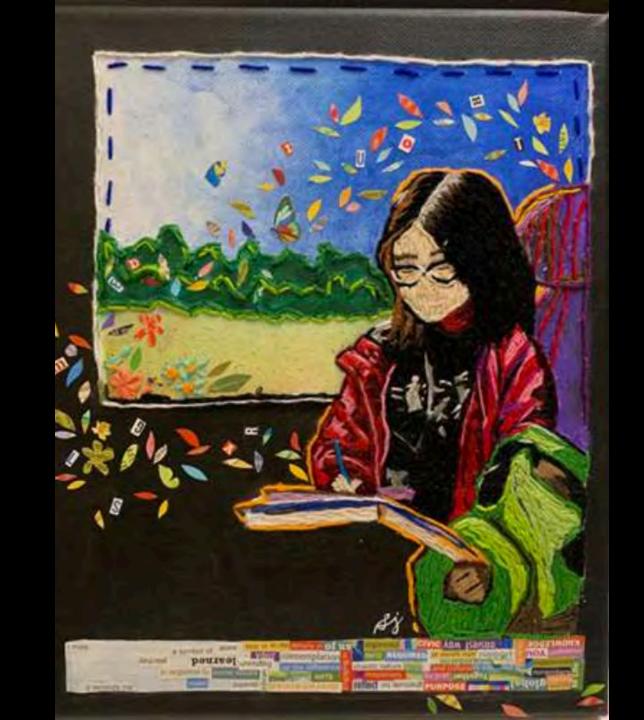
Personal Essay & Memoir: Rain Dancer

New Garden Friends School



Unsolicited Inspiration

Brittany Garrison, Ardrey Kell High School

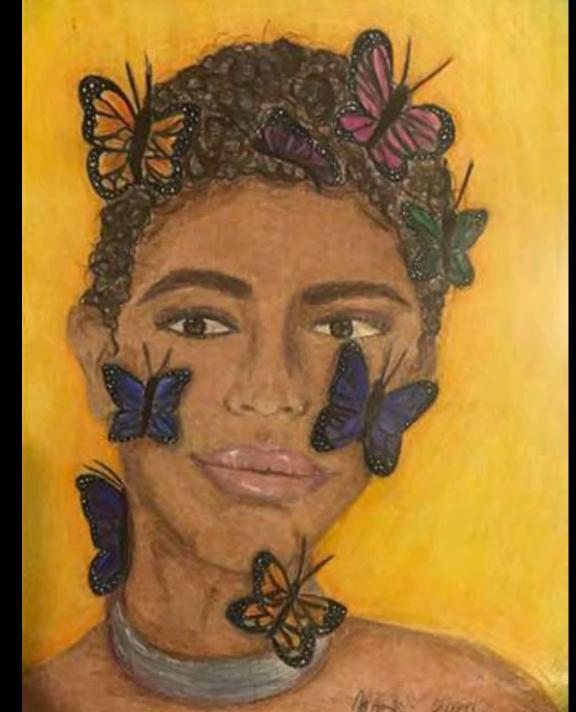






Say Cheese

Kenzie Kearns Butterflies Natasha Young, Northwest Middle School





Girl with Blue Hair Natasha Young, Northwest Middle School





Pedophilia

Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School



Lost in Translation





Google Classroom Class of 2020

Will Taylor, UNC School of the Arts







Social Reflection



Pantano

Heidi Lee, Home School







Stained Glass **Christopher Fayssoux, Forestview High School**



"I remember the flash of the camera,
My mom's rock candy smile in my own eyes,
And the shared pain that clung to us
Like sugar in our mouths."



Poetry: Rock Candy Frozen



"I'm nine, and I'm scared, and this is my third time getting treated here. She's fifteen. Her smile is pretty, and her eyes are shockingly blue against the sickly greenish pale of her marble skin. She asks if I want to paint with her, indicating the canvas that she seems to be bathing in undulating layers of cobalt and baby blue."

Personal Essay & Memoir: Cumulonimbus





Spume

Elizabeth Alexander, UNC School of the Arts







Florida Water



Masked

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School















Lance Lokas

Portfolio: Uzbekistan: A Portrait

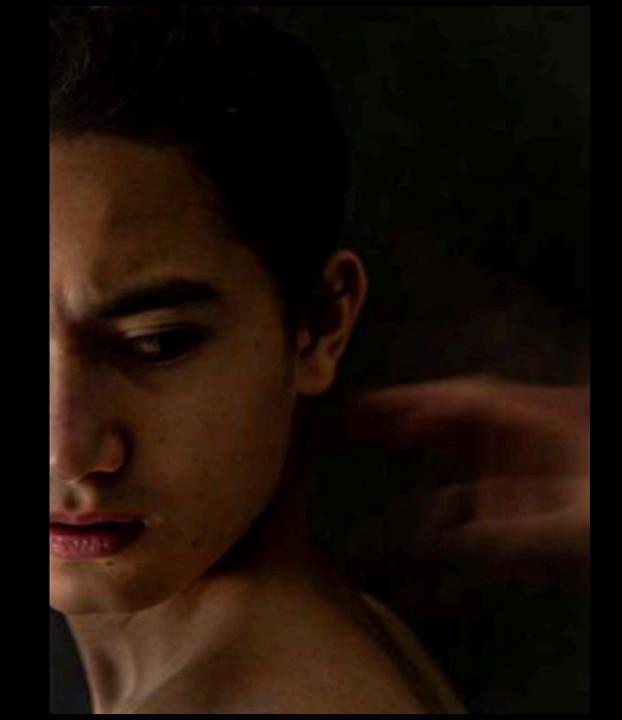
Katie Spata, Covenant Day School





Alone

Katie Spata, Covenant Day School





faceless

Justin Pierce, W.A. Hough High School





Inch by Inch





Self Portrait with Glasses

Weddington Middle School & Chip Martin Design





Celestial Sensibility Pooja Nair, Williams Montessori

"We rarely think about how other people will act and their motives for doing so, therefore perspective-taking is essential, especially when there are conflicts"



Critical Essay: Face human frailties

Dulwich College Beijing Legend Garden Campus

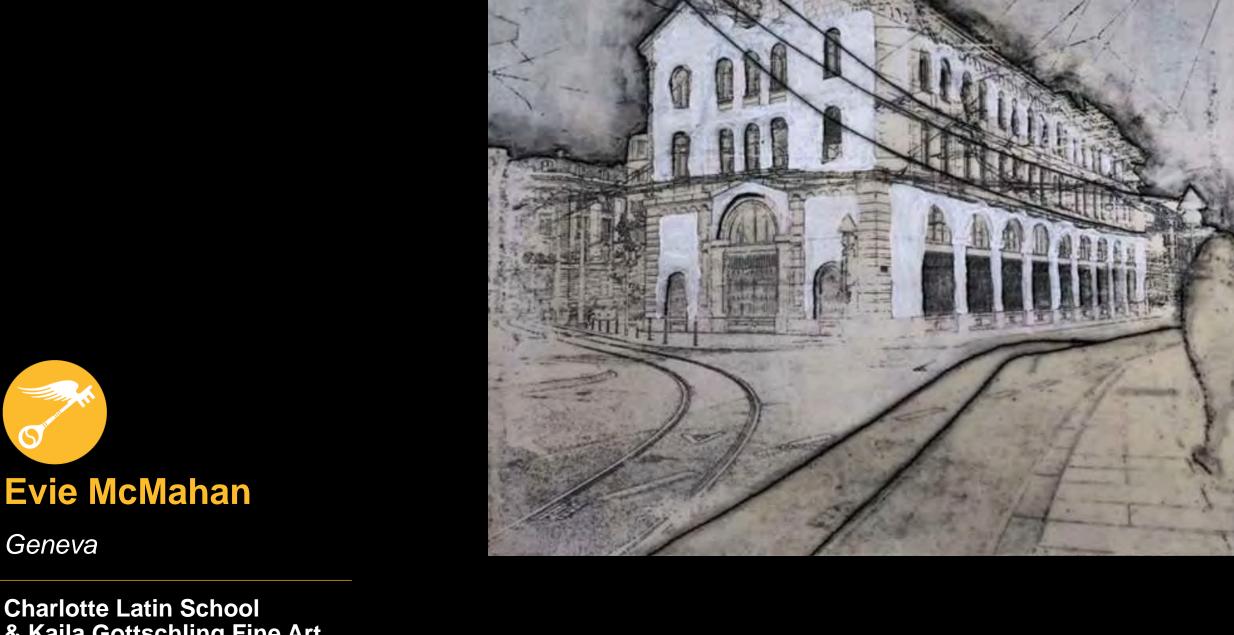


Bianca

Will Taylor, UNC School of the Arts







Charlotte Latin School & Kaila Gottschling Fine Art



Let Go of Your Anger

Amy Bearden, South Iredell High School







Shacara Morehead

School

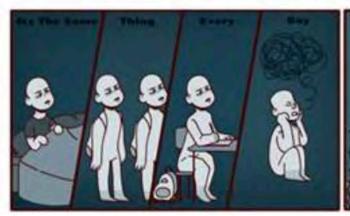
Ninoshka Boylston, Piedmont Classical High School















Poetry: hands

"my mother's hands are soft and tan they type faster than I'll ever be able to her nails are almost always clean almost always perfect"

Discovery High School





Clean Your Room



Syd Was Here

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin School





The Freedom of Movement

Ashley Byer, Hopewell High School







Caution

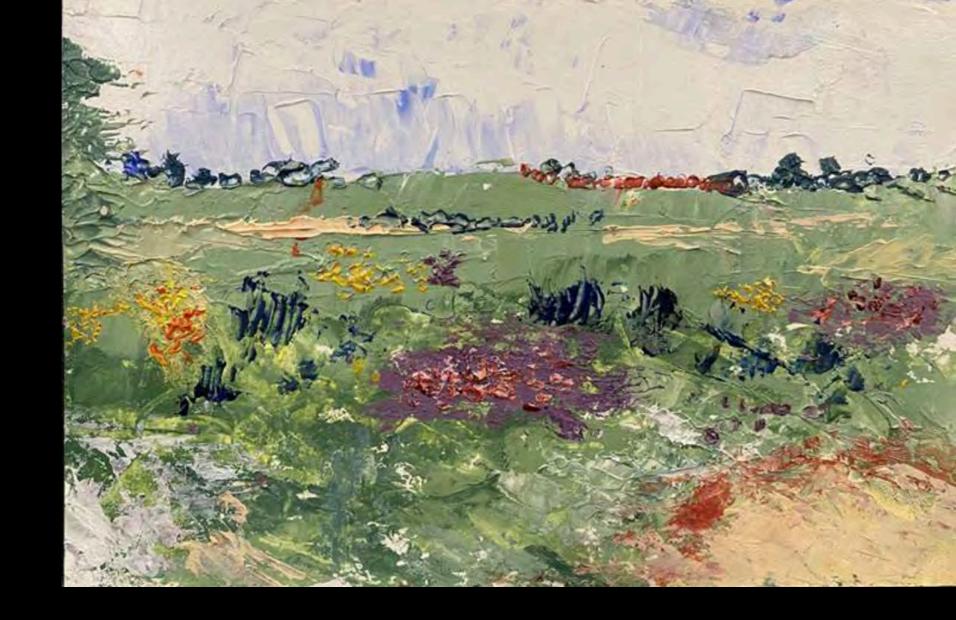
Ashley Byer, Hopewell High School



Refresh

Katherine Allen, W. A. Hough High School







Fields of Bliss

Theodore Cooke, South Charlotte Middle School

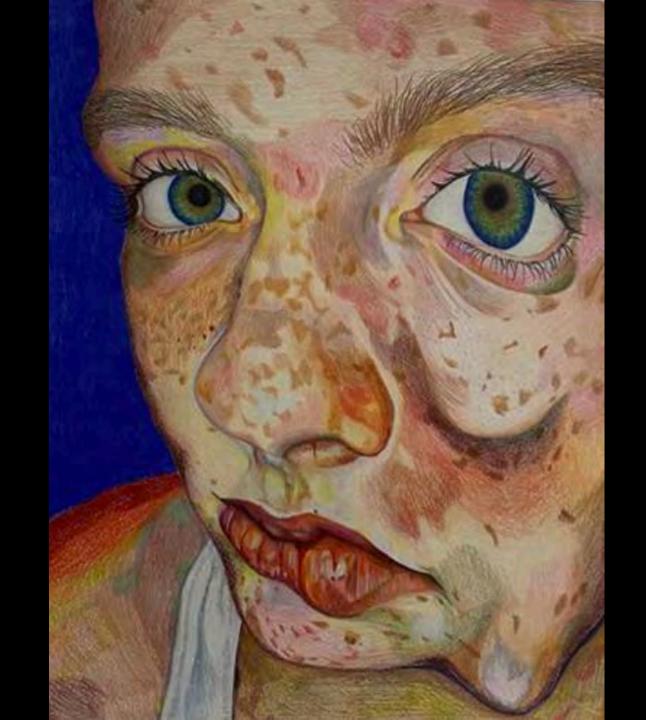
"By establishing intersectionality within ourselves and recognizing those in others, it is important to be aware of the repercussions people face when their intersectionalities are held against them."



Critical Essay: Identity Crisis

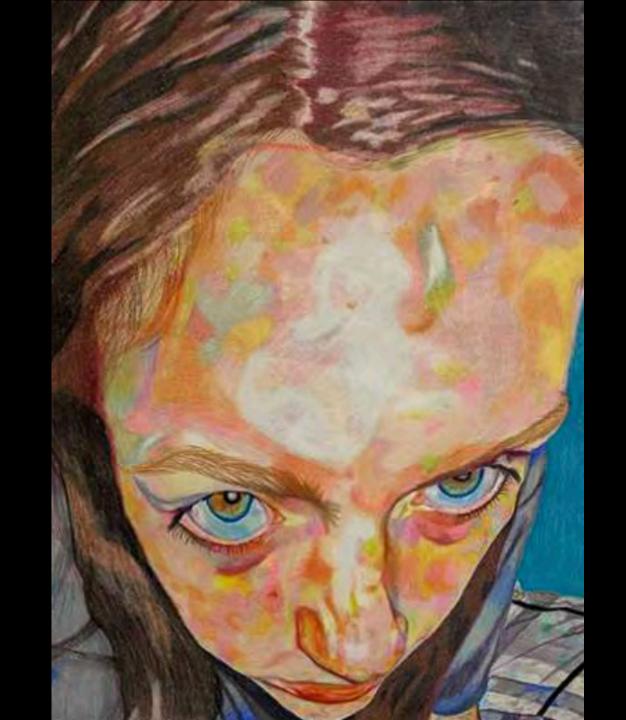


Asymmetrical





Forehead





Facial Imperfections





Low Self Esteem













Marietta Pattison

Portfolio: Body Dysmorphia









Justin Pierce, W. A. Hough High School





Broken Boulder Teapot

Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin High School

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Poetry: The Son



Nathaniel Roca-Avila

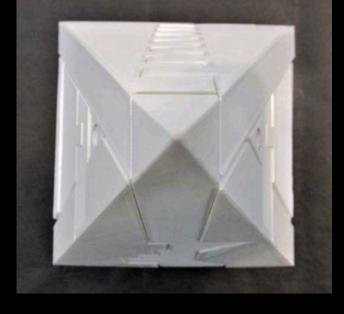
Shelter in Place

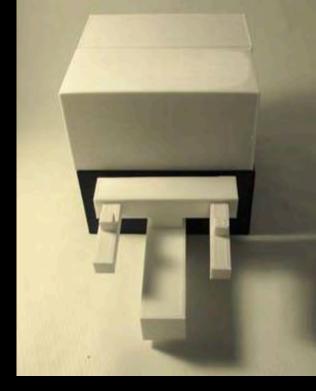
Barbara Trinh, Mt. Tabor High School









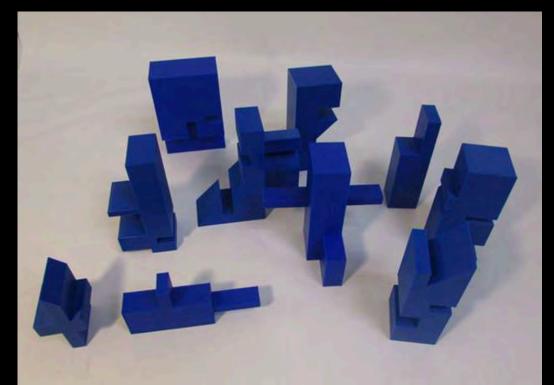




Emilio Rochow

Portfolio: Flummoxed

Holt Harris, Gaston Day School







Ash Viloki Patel, Mallard Creek High School





Cult Room

Ardrey Kell High School & Chip Martin Design





Poetry: Virus

"Frozen living,

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Artistic Refuge





Between Two Trees

Kaila Gottschling Fine Art



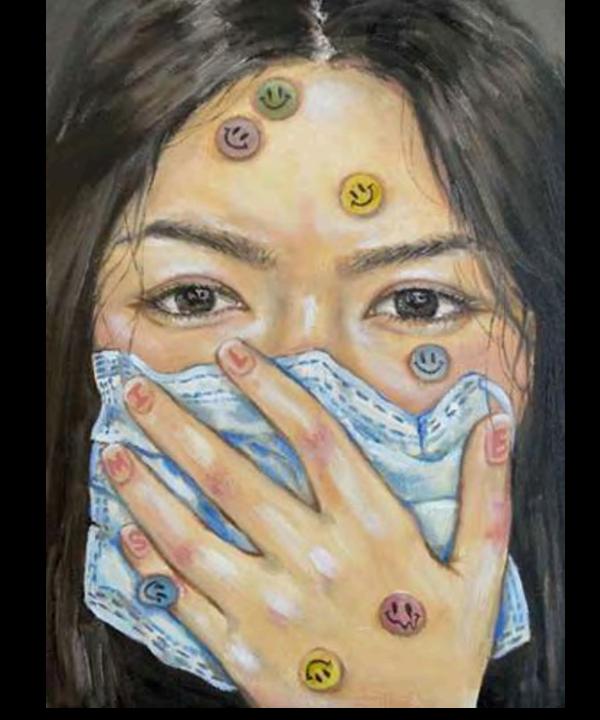




Beth Herrick, Northwest Guilford High School



Smile! Jill Simpson, Providence High School & Holt School of Fine Art









Extinction Earrings

Katherine Allen, W. A. Hough High School













Daria Shishkina

Portfolio: Overfishing



Katherine Allen, W. A. Hough High School



Confident Room





Cellophane

Jill Simpson, Providence High School

"I watch her. Her makeup hasn't fully come off, none of us ever get the stage makeup fully removed, but I'm entranced by her silky brown hair dancing as she turns her head side to side."



Humor: Bio-Preservation Starship #853



Funky Food

Lisha Silver, Governors' Village STEM Academy







Reaching Out

Kody Hall, Mallard Creek High School



An Indelible Moment

Lynn Wu, Myers Park High School











Hami Trinh

If I Made a Hundred Thousand Stars

Elizabeth Alexander, UNC School of the Arts



Poetry: a portrait of florida

"memory grows from the earth as every black-eyed susan and white clover

become memoriam kept alive by the bees memory lives in todd's bedroom: neatly-made bed, posters hanging onto '79,

model cars on the nightstand dusted on sundays"







Mysticism







On Sundays We Dream

Kaitlin Botts, UNC School of the Arts

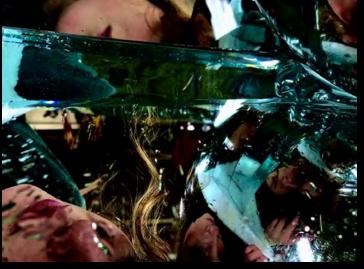


Hope













Kendall Willard

Portfolio: Fractured

Phil Jones, South Stokes High School















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Portfolio: Introspection

Phil Jones, South Stokes High School







Dysmorphia



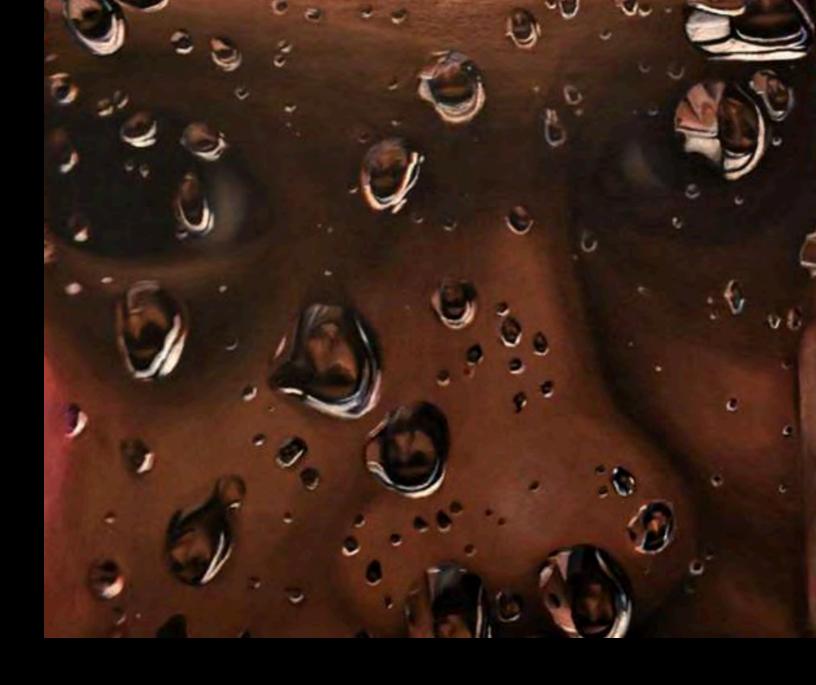


Mercurial





Lethargy



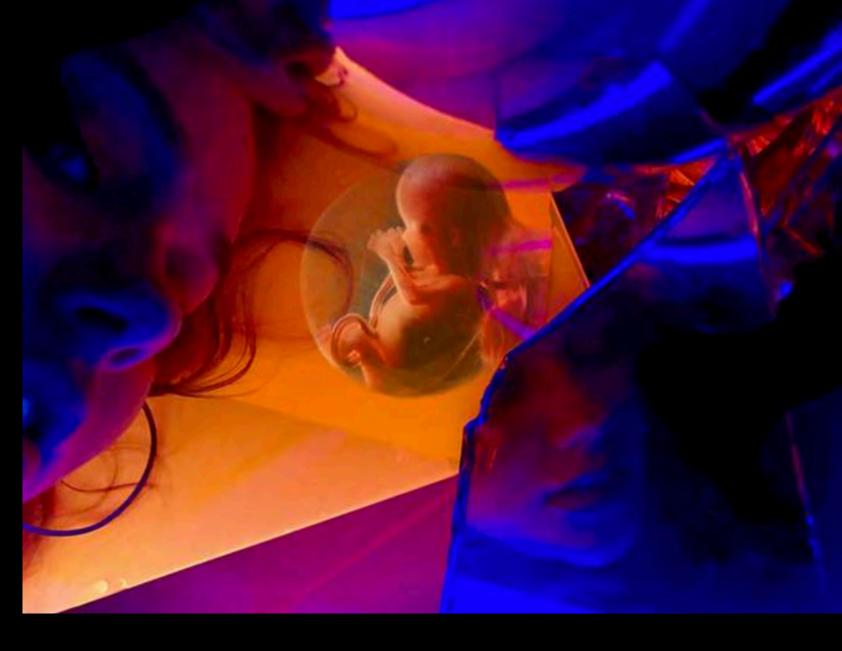


Mutated



Phil Jones, South Stokes High School







Infliction





The Tip of Impermanence

Elisa Wadsworth, Mallard Creek High School





Flash Fiction: a quiet taste

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"Gripping the spade's handle with her small trembling fingers, the girl knelt on the cold earth. As she carved out a shallow grave, she thought of her own sister's funeral. The family had gathered around to say a few words in memory of her short life. She couldn't quite remember what had been said, only that she herself could find no words."



Short Story: Funeral for a Mole

"My mother is poetic in the way she meticulously cooks daily, poetic in the way she pursuits gardening, and poetic in the loving way she cares."



Personal Essay & Memoir: Unlined Paper and Feathered Words



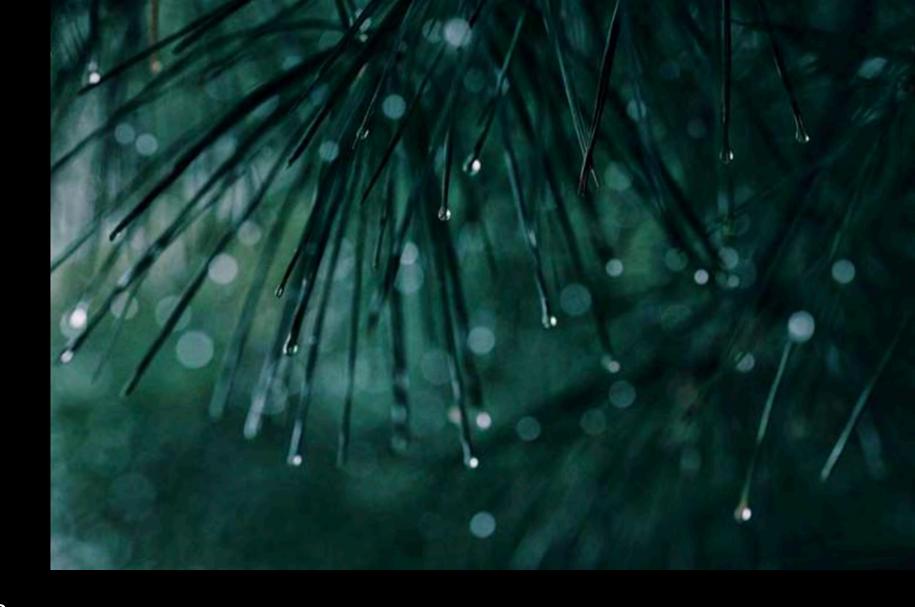
Escaped





An Artist's Dress **Anne Cammer, Charlotte Latin Middle School**







Pine Needles and Dewdrops

Carey Jackson-Adams, Greensboro Day School



Ongoing Schemes



Laura Wallis, Ardrey Kell High School

Remarks

Brook Muller Dean, College of Arts + Architecture UNC Charlotte



Special Awards

American Vision Nominees

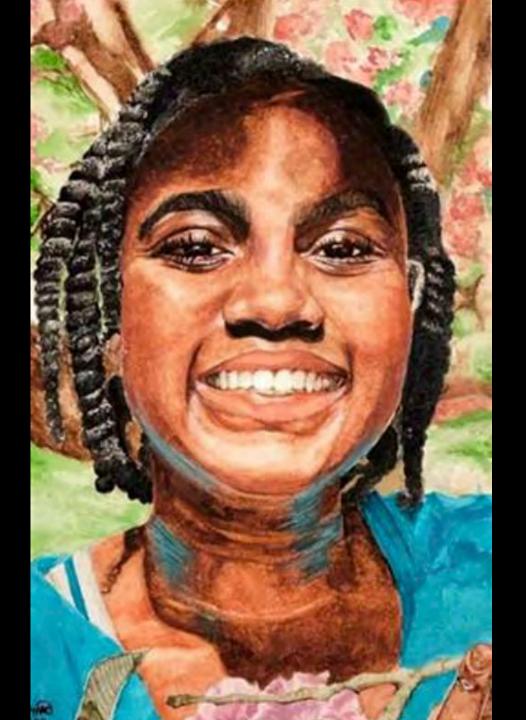


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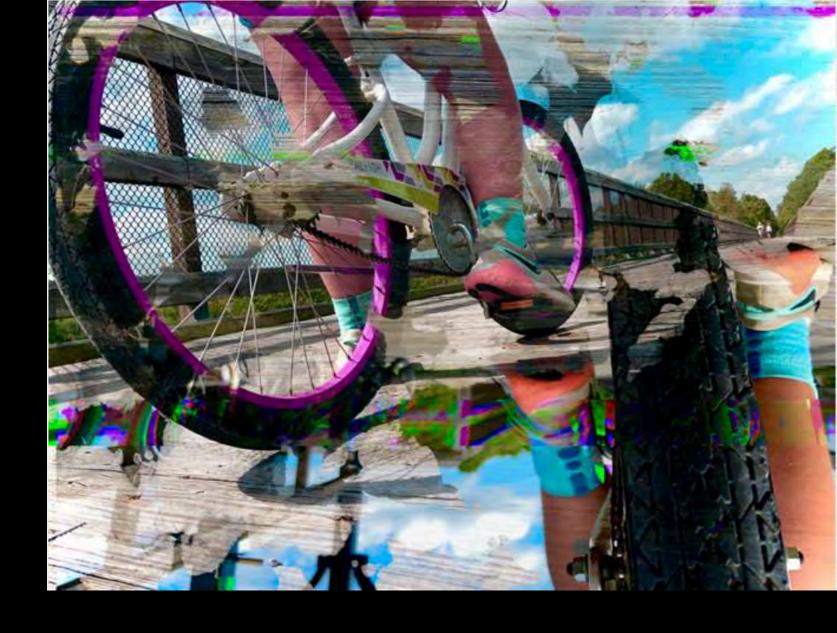


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Clayworks Award



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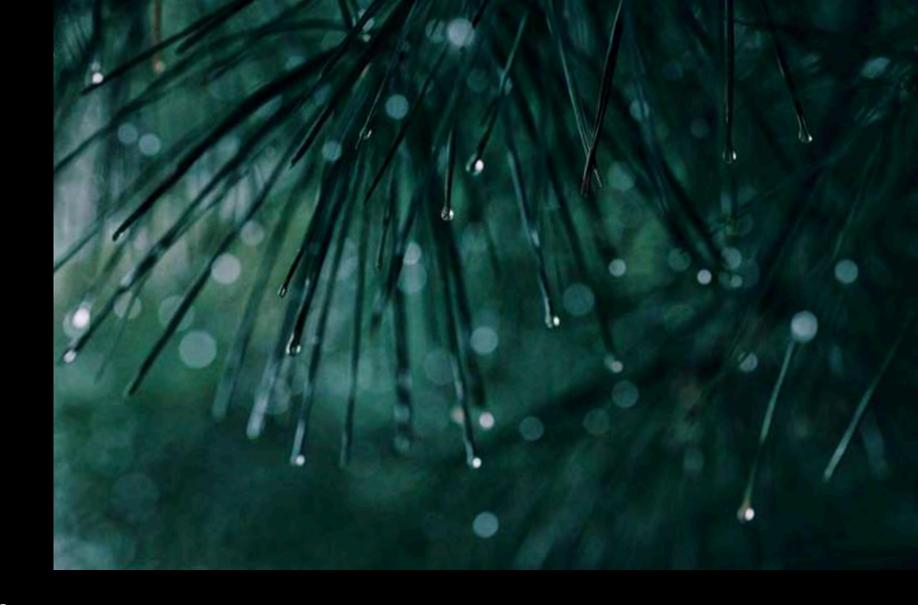
On the Verge and Self Portrait

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ELIGHTFACTORY [__]

Light Factory Award







Pine Needles and Dewdrops



CHARLOTTE IS **CREATIVE**

Charlotte is Creative Award



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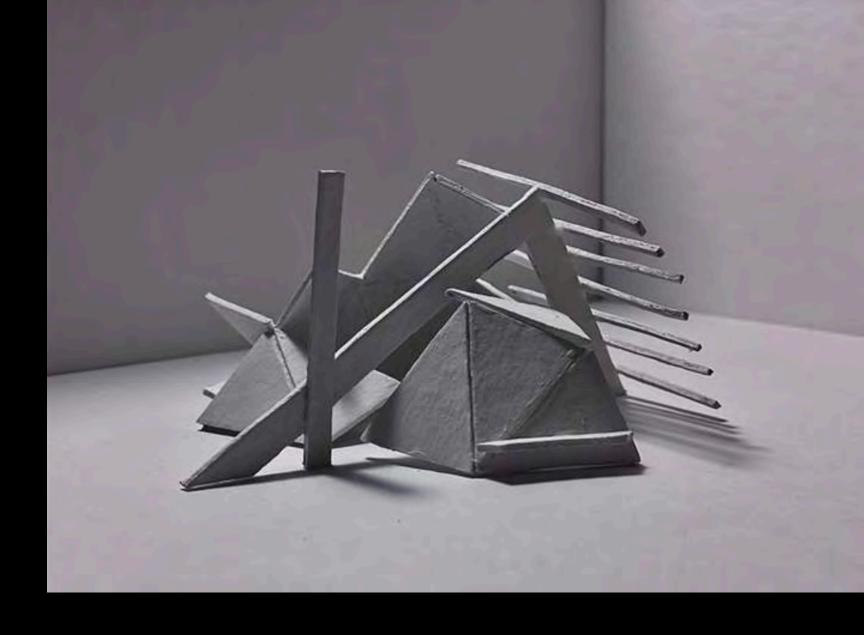
College of Arts + Architecture

Architecture Award





Exposed





NC Art Education **Association Award**



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"Am I Black Enough?"

Kody Hall, Mallard Creek High School





Gantt Center Award

for African-American Arts+Culture



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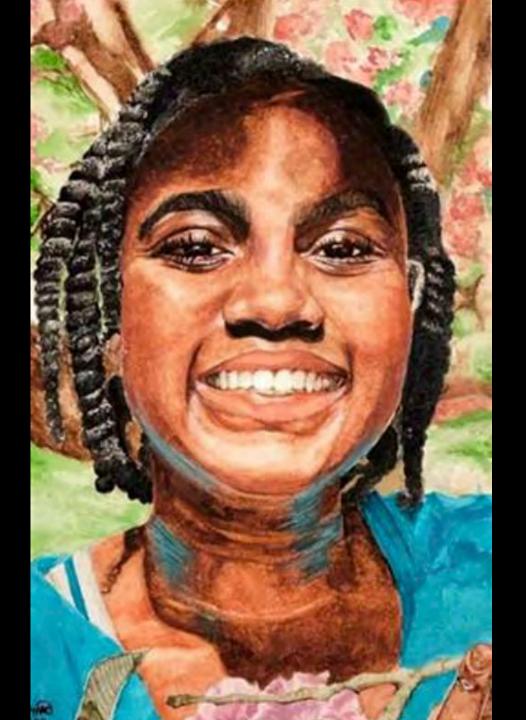
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Exhibition Dates

February 27 - April 11 Mint Museum Uptown



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