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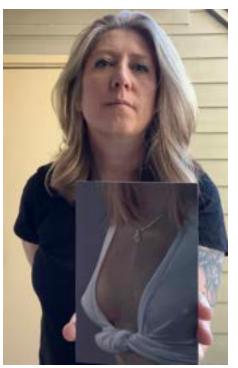


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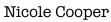


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Daniel Maidman







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**Rachel Pieters** 



Terri Symington



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Lorena Lepori Italian, b. 1974 Kiss and Tell, 2022 Oil on panel  $3 9/10 \times 5 9/10$  in  $10 \times 15$  cm Rachel Pieters Canadian, b. 1977 Seeing Things For The First Time, 2021 Oil on linen panel 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm

Lorena Lepori's figurative oil paintings have a narrative based on the representation of femininity playing with archetypes, stereotypes, cliché and personal memories translated and delivered in a contemporary scene. Her concept is meticulously focused on what defines feminine qualities. Her subjects are mostly placed against an omnipresent black background which creates a dramatic contrast with the pop bright colors of the subjects outfits. She relies on mythical protagonists and memories from her past.

Rachel Pieters is a self-taught artist, and works mainly in oils and graphite and in the Contemporary Realist or Contemporary Figurative styles. Intrigued by ideas of duality, her artwork often explorers performers in a variety of arts, both on stage in all their glory and magnificence, and off-stage in their quiet moments when they are their most intimate selves. Trained as a Graphic Designer, she took up traditional art again in 2018. Her work has been included in several group shows and is held in both local and international collections.





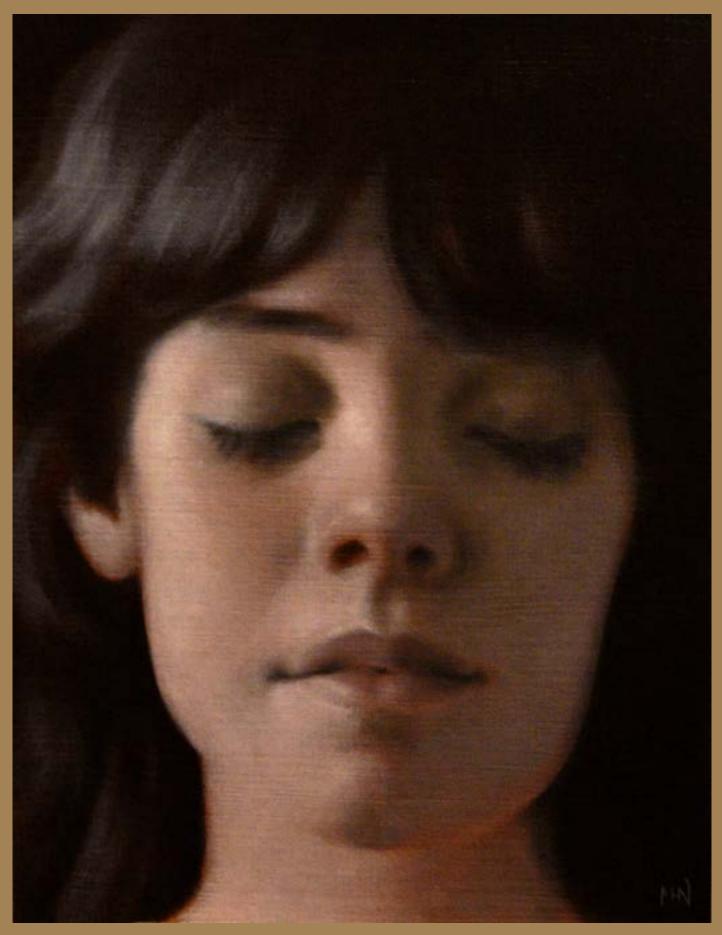
Paulina Aubey's LEGO portraits ingeniously merge popular form with popular content in order to question our relationship to celebrity. Having begun her artistic career working with pastels, Aubey's passion for pop culture inspired her to try her hand with a more popular medium: LEGO bricks. She has elevated this unusual medium to the status of fine art, creating expressive portrayals of contemporary icons and the idols of her 1980s childhood. Her portraits of religious figures, movie characters, and pop stars—including David Bowie and Marilyn Monroe—blur the distinction between figurative and abstract art. They appear highly detailed from a distance and become pixelated upon closer inspection; this viewing experience prompts audiences to reflect on how much we can ever truly understand our idols. In order to create her portraits, Aubey chooses a digital image of her subject and manipulates it to create the desired expression and color scheme before selecting appropriate blocks of LEGO to build the work.



Pauline Aubey French, b. 1977 Plasticine (Extreme Close Up), 2022 Lego plates on assembled baseplate 4 × 6 in 10.2 × 15.2 cm Collection of Dr. Samuel Peralta & Mrs. Alice Peralta



Katarzyna Adamiak-Jaśnikowska Polish, b. 1985 Between, 2022 Oil on canvas adhered to panel 7 × 5 in 17.8 × 12.7 cm



Michael Hlousek-Nagle British, b. 1971 Echo, 2022 Oil on primed oil paper 6 1/2 × 5 in 16.5 × 12.7 cm



Elizabeth Barden b. 1965 S-M-I-L-E-Y, 2022 Graphite pencil on rough textured 300gsm watercolour paper  $6 \times 4$  in  $15.2 \times 10.2$  cm

# Same Old

Self-care stayed the same during quarantine- kept up

the skin-care & exercise routines.

Still over here worried bout the same old things:

love, money, housing, & groceries.

Still over here daydreaming

to slow jams.

Still making mountains. Still counting my chickens. Still biting off more. Still a square peg.

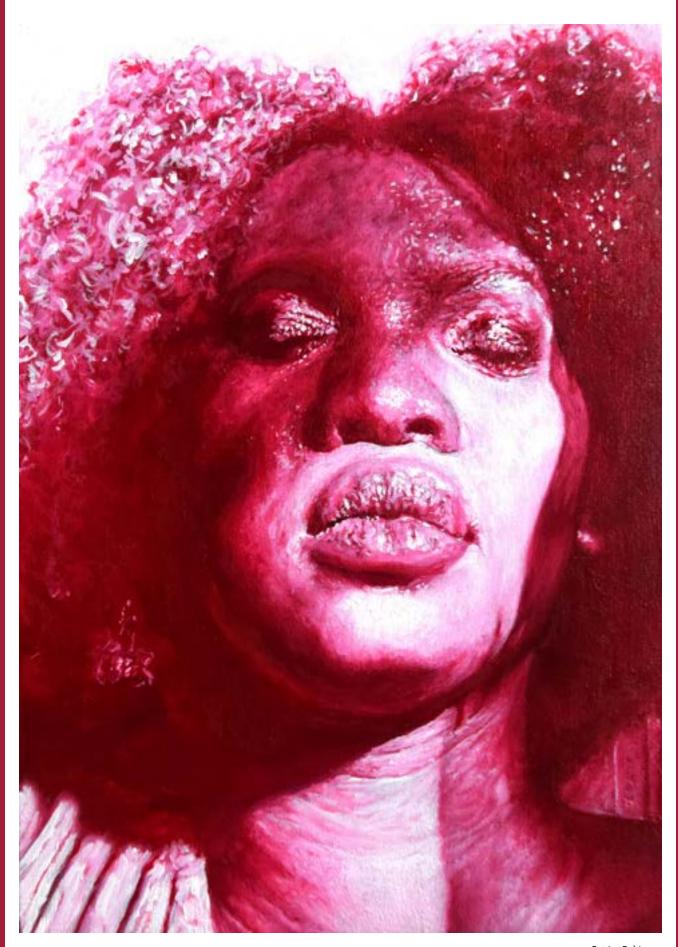
Still lonely & high-strung—

except with a mask on.

Born, raised, and currently living in Bloomfield, CT, Michelle McEwen writes poems and short stories. Her work has been published in The Caribbean Writer, Naugatuck River Review, MiPOesias, and in the anthology The Best New Poets 2007– among others. Two of her poems "Sucker" and "Daydream Me" were nominated for the Pushcart Prize in 2010 and 2017 respectively. She has also won a short story prize (echapbook.com) for a collection of short stories. When she isn't busy writing, she's busy raising her two sons Zion and Justice or busy reading her work as a featured poet at events in her hometown of Bloomfield and in surrounding towns.

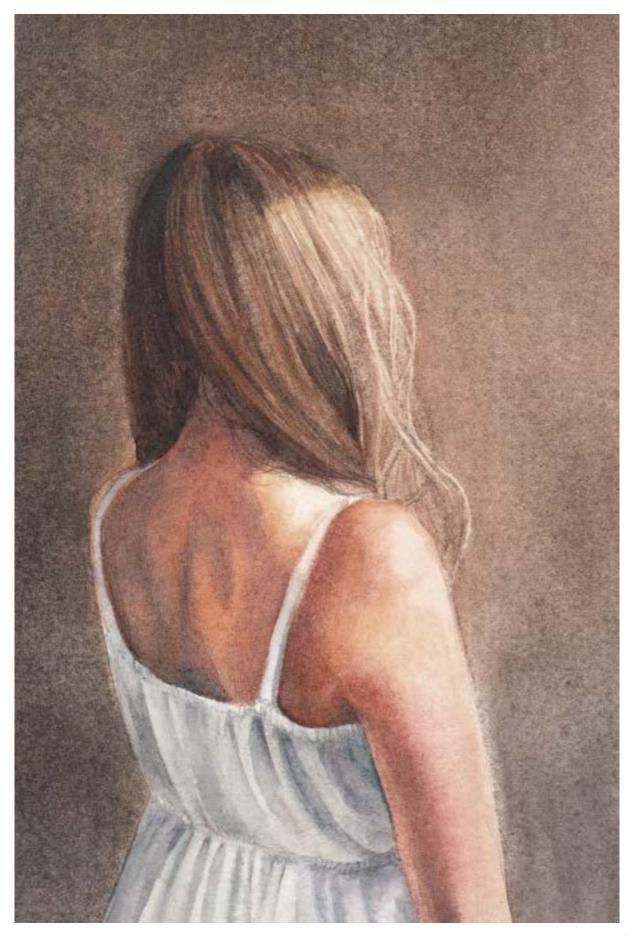


Narelle Zeller Australian, b. 1978 Purple Lace, 2022 Oil on linen 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm



Patrice Robinson American, b. 1995 Sunshine, You Make Me Feel Alive, 2022 Oil on wood panel 7 × 5 in 17.8 × 12.7 cm



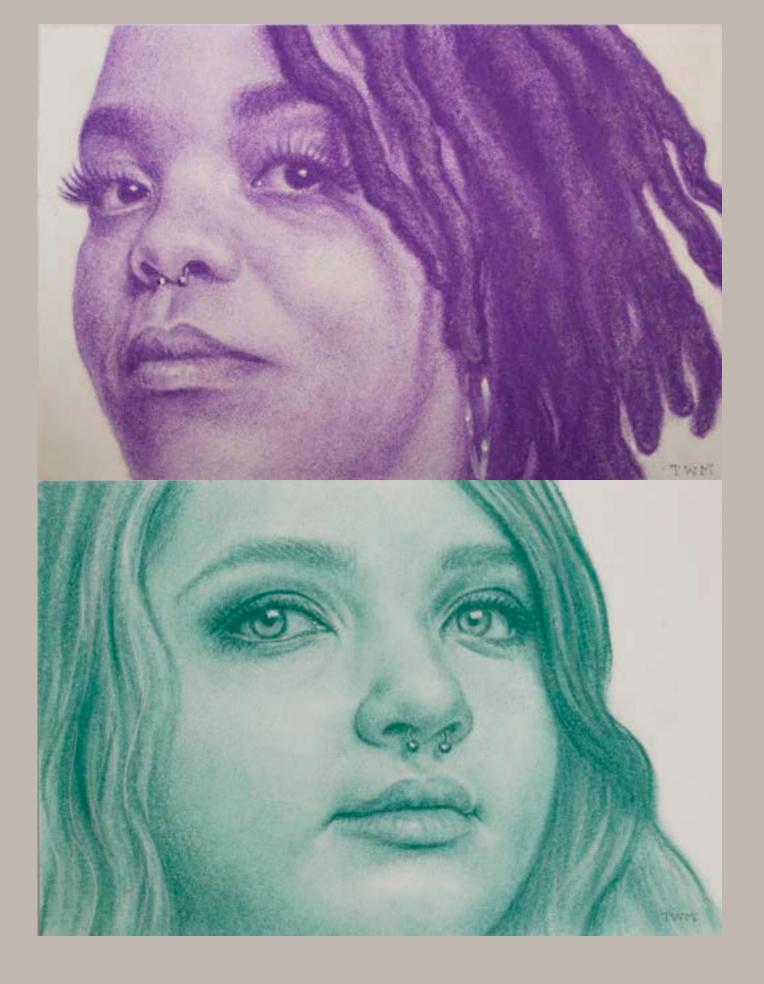


Kate Van Doren American, b. 1978 Ser Mujer / To Be A Woman, 2022 Oil on Dibond 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm Cynthia Cabrera Mexican-Canadian, b. 1984 Exposed, 2022 Watercolor on paper 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm



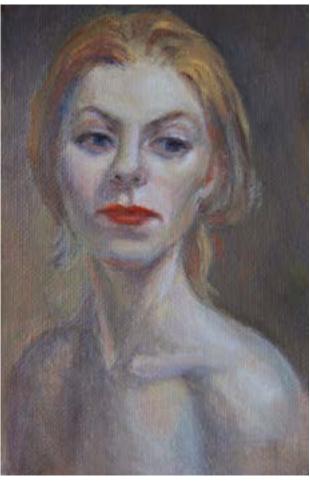
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Traci Wright Martin American, b. 1980 Sapphire, Garnet, Amethyst , and Emerald 2022 Pastel pencil on Stonehenge paper 4 × 6 in each 10.2 × 15.2 cm





Marianna Foster | Wet Hair, 2022 | Charcoal pencil on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



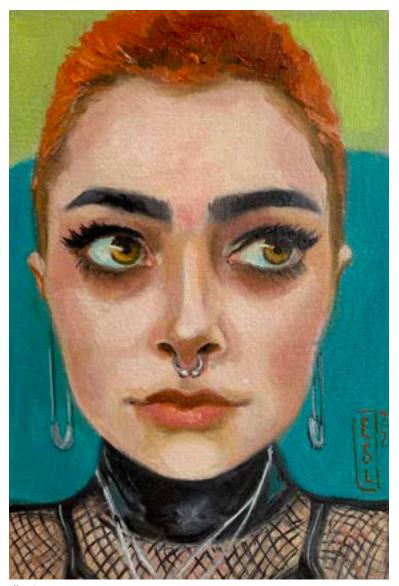
Elvira Kravenkova | Red Lipstick, 2022 Oil on canvas board | 6  $\times$  4 in



Lorena Lepori | Tell Me About It, 2021 | Oil on panel | 6 × 4 in



Teresa Brutcher | Dama de Honor, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6 × 4 in





Ellen Starr Lyon | Beach Gummy, 2022 | Oil on Arches paper | 6 × 4 in

Ellen Starr Lyon American, b. 1974 Those Eyes, 2022 Oil on Arches paper 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm

Ellen Starr Lyon, b. 1974 in Columbus, Indiana. Ellen is a figurative painter focusing on modern portraiture that revolves around feminism, motherhood, and coming of age. She is a current member of PoetsArtists, Portrait Society of America, AWA, NOAPS, Indiana Artists (IN/A), Hoosier Salon, and Juniper Gallery. Lyon has shown at Abend Gallery in Denver, CO, Manifest Gallery in Cincinnati, OH, Woman Made Gallery and 33 Contemporary both in Chicago, IL, WMOCA in Wausau, WI, and several online exclusives on Artsy through the 33 Contemporary Gallery. She has been published in Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine highlighting artist self-portraits. Ellen has a BFA in Painting and a BA in Art History from Indiana University. IU has acquired several of her paintings.

Gwen Manfrin embraces the unconscious body language of the figure and, through a variety of mediums, strives to convey the subliminal intent. Her figures are placed in the frame without context to time or place, allowing the expressive quality of their pose to be the narrative.

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## At the Door

You can go a long time and I mean decades without needing the sacred.

But then one day it hits you literally like a blow to the head that you need to worship.

Finding a way to show devotion to something becomes paramount.

It takes a longer time to accept that that something is the Great Mystery and the moon.

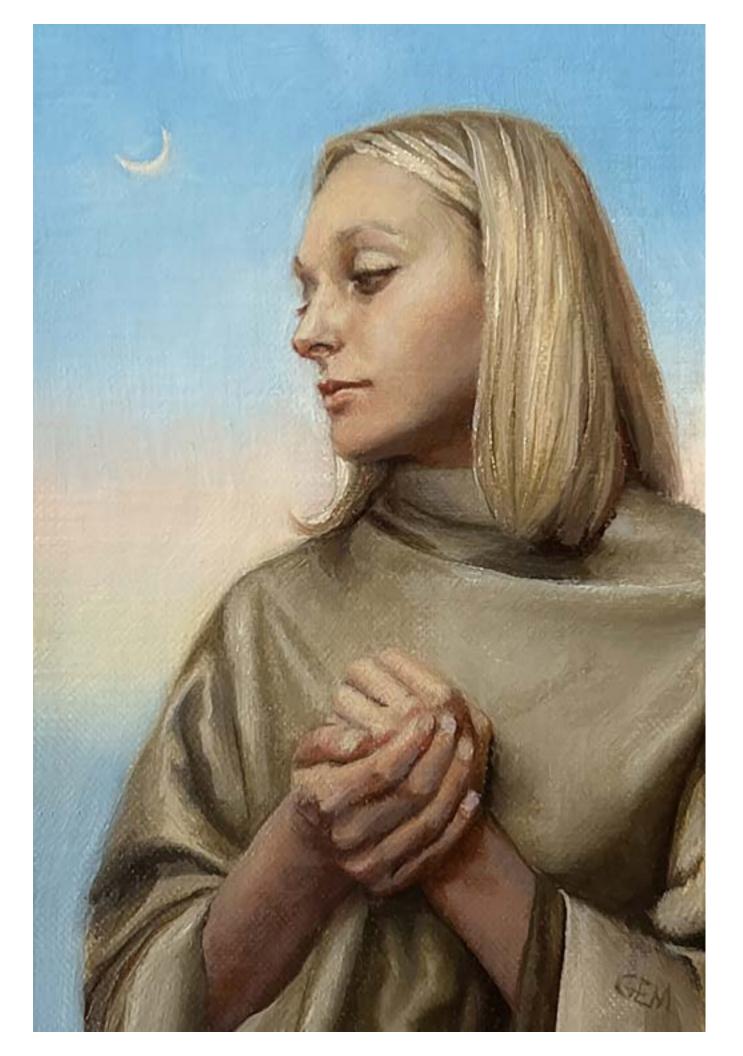
You can hitch your star to the moon because everyone believes that the moon affects the tides even you.

And then another day it becomes obvious that all that lip service to lunar cycles mirroring female cycles all that yammering and vague assertions about the unseen becomes the next best thing to show up at your door.

You know it's the best thing because aside from death it will be your most faithful teacher

Pray to the Great Mystery

Our children need to see us on our knees. Gayle Madeira American, b. 1969 Prayer for Peace, 2022 Oil on aluminum panel 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm





Debra Lott | American, b. 1951 | Lady In Pink, 2022 | Oil on paper | 4  $\times$  6 in



Kristen Santucci | American, b. 1970 | Reveal, 2022 | Oil on aluminum panel | 4  $\times$  6 in



Ana Gonzalez Esteve | Spanish, b. 1968 | THE YOUNG ANTIGONE, 2022 | Oil on canvas glued on wood | 4 × 6 in

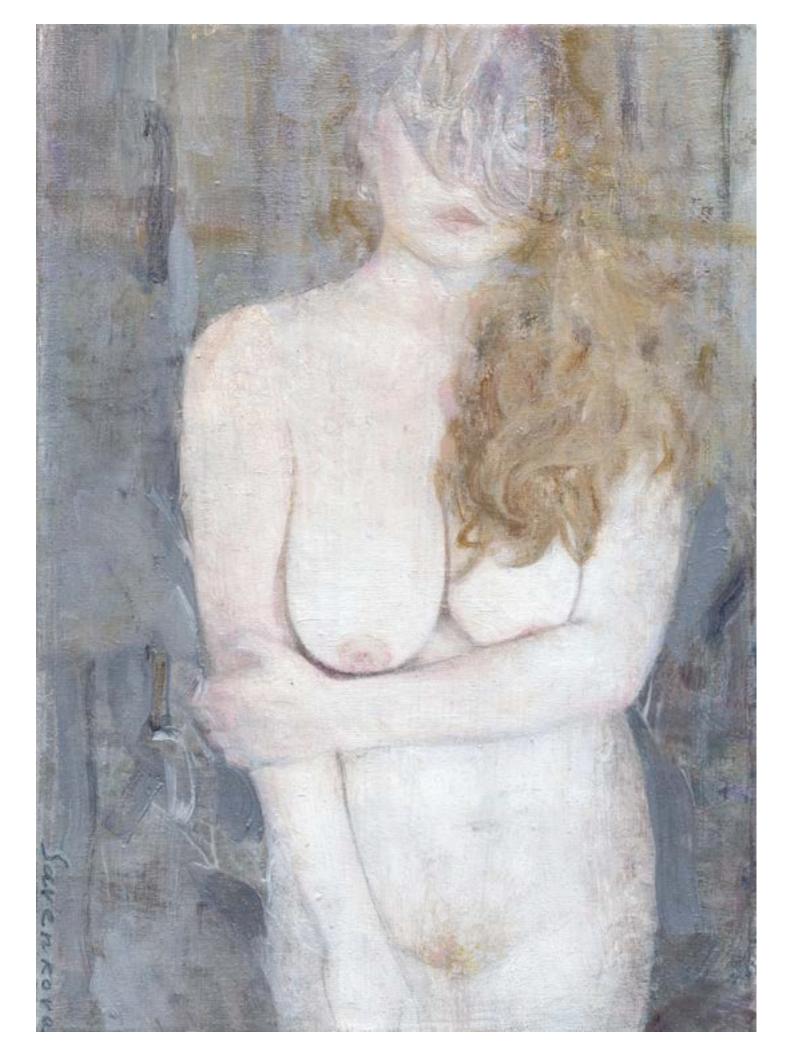


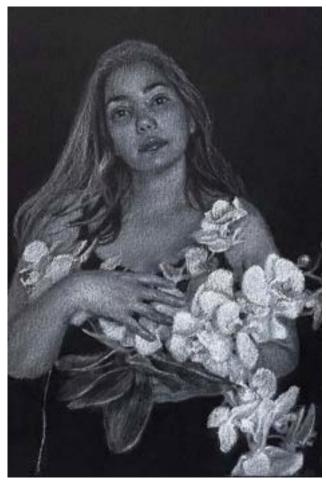
Ana Gonzalez Esteve | Spanish, b. 1968 | PACHAMAMA, 2022 | Oil on wood | 4  $\times$  6 in

Amanda Greive American, b. 1978 Untitled 1, 2022 Oil on wood panel 5 in diameter 12.7 cm diameter



Viktoria Savenkova Belarusian, b. 1979 Morning, 2022 Oil on canvas 8 3/10 × 5 9/10 in 21 × 15 cm





Aixa Oliveras | A Memory of Spring, 2022 White pastel | 6  $\times$  4 in



Aki Kano | Sylvan Dream, 2022 | Watercolor on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



Nineli Khachikian | Self Portrait, 2022 | Charcoal on Paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



Stephanie Freese | Echo Nebula, 2022 | Acrylic on hardboard | 6  $\times$  4 in



Mary Kearney Hull | ALERT ALERT, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6 × 4 in



Ivana Okereke | Clam Digger, 2022 | Oil on board | 7 × 5 in





Eva Evangelista | Claudia, 2022 | Oil on paper | 6 × 4 in

Natalie Hirschman | Joanne, 2022 | Oil on linen board | 6  $\times$  6 1/2 in



Amy Gibson | Lips 2022 | Oil on aluminum panel | 6  $\times$  4 in



Amy Gibson | Jean Jacket, 2022 | Oil on aluminum panel | 6  $\times$  4 in

Amy Gibson | White Shirt, 2022 | Oil on aluminum panel | 6  $\times$  4 in



Daniel Jared Sorensen | Melody, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6 × 4 in



Amanda Greive | Untitled 2, 2022 | Oil on wood panel | 6  $\times$  4 in





Deanna Gibson| Touch Me Small, 2022 | Mixed Media | 6  $\times$  4 in



Annie Louise Goldman | My Mother In Her Robe, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6  $\times$  4 in



Calvin Lai | Amused, 2022 | Oil on canvas board | 6  $\times$  4 in



Annie Louise Goldman | Two Women Embraced, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6  $\times$  4 in



Vicki Sullivan | Mira, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6 7/10  $\times$  4 7/10 in



Barbara Hack | Gossamer, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6 × 4 in



Vicki Sullivan | Helena in Miniature, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6 7/10  $\times$  4 7/10 in



Anna Cyan | Wing, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6  $\times$  4 in



Vicki Sullivan | Laura in Miniature, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6 7/10 × 4 7/10 in

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## Athena Has Swag

Athena always tells the Truth And she is afraid of nothing She does not know any better That's the good thing about being mythological

She does not encounter or counter She is very smart and says No one ever solved a problem by being dumb

Everyone forgets her but B+ students

Athena was not what they expected Tilting into the back story of Greece But if parallels must be drawn then lift her out of sleep

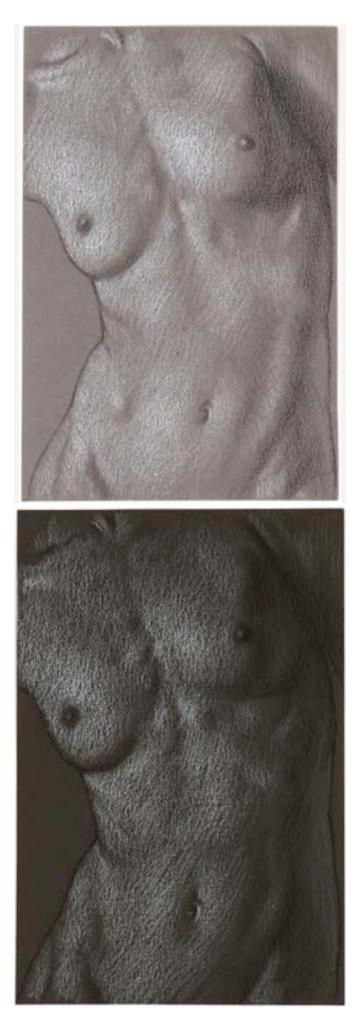
Bring her back in 4-inch heels And purple fingernails Put her in my body I'm not afraid to be forgotten

She needed everyone who ever died To give her new feelings to feel So I do but please

Do not attack her because she wins at archery

And let us forgive her for still wanting romance-

Grace Cavalieri is Maryland's poet laureate. She founded, and produces, "The Poet and the Poem" on public radio, celebrating 45 years on-air. Her latest book is *The Secret Letters of Madame de Stael* (Goss183).



Daniel Maidman | Vivian 1 & 2, 2022 | Prismacolor Pencil on paper | 4 x 6 in each

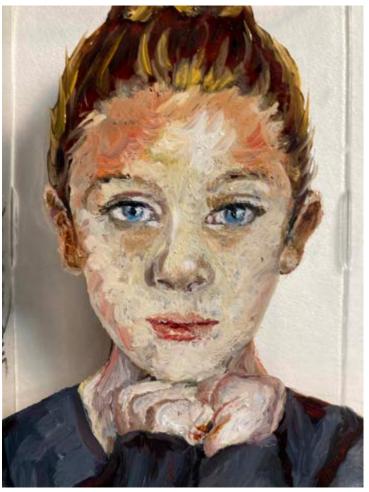


Daggi Wallace | Love Her But Leave Her Wild 1, 2022 | Pastel |  $6 \times 4$  in





Daggi Wallace | Love Her But Leave Her Wild 2, 2022 | Pastel | 6 × 4 in



Valarie Wolf (b. 1960) | Heartfelt, 2022 | Oil on panel | 6  $\times$  4 in

Gabriella Di XX Miglia | Girl, 2022 | Oil on plexiglass | 6  $\times$  4 in



Gwen Manfrin | Red, 2022 | Watercolor on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



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Anna Toberman | Marigold, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6  $\times$  4 in



Graziella Mura As A Perfume 1 & 2, 2022 Oil on Cardboard 6  $\times$  4 in each



Cynthia Cabrera | Escapism, 2022 | Watercolor on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



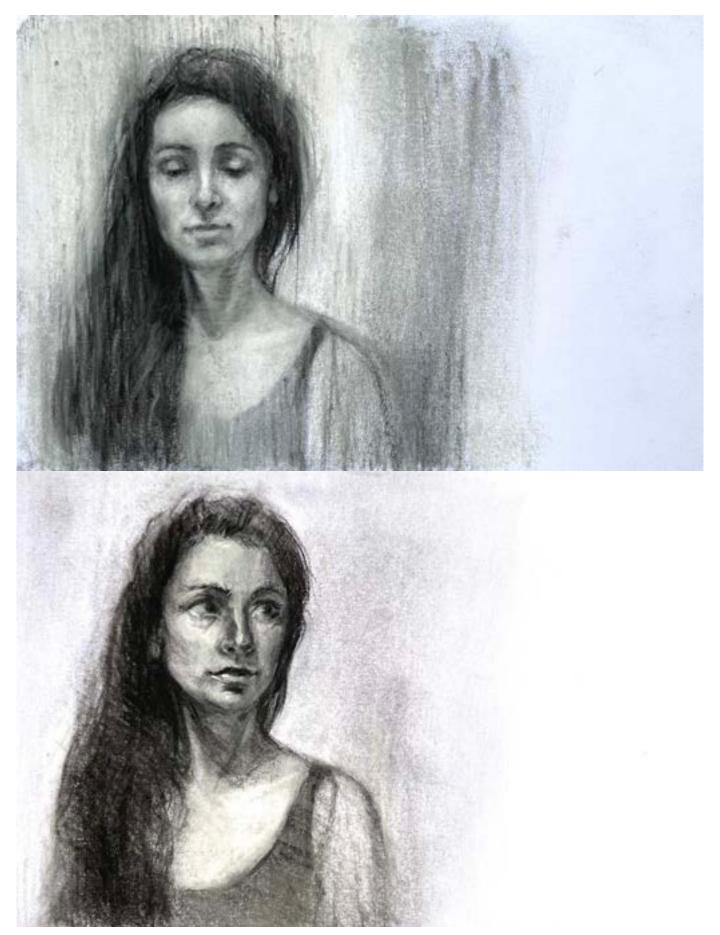


Cynthia Cabrera | Double Exposure, 2022 | Watercolor on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



Matthew Alfonso Durante | Marian, 2022 | Graphite and charcoal on paper |  $4\times 6$  in

Cynthia Cabrera | Interlude, 2022 | Watercolor on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



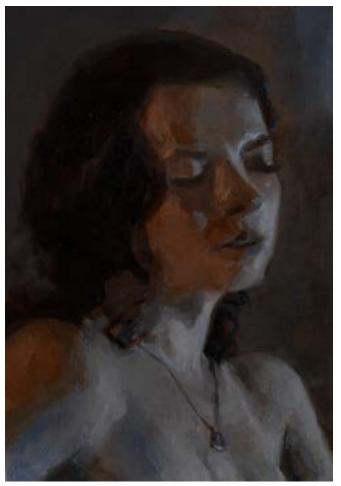
Elena Degenhardt German, b. 1977 The wind from the sea and , 2022 Charcoal, pastel, cont on paper 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm



Ranjini Venkatachari | Sweet 16, 2022 | Digital Painting using Procreate | 7  $\times$  5 in



Rachel Pieters | Just Breathe, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6 × 4 in



David E. Morris | Phoebe: Blue Note, 2022 | Oil on aluminum | 6  $\times$  4 in



Nicole Cooper | Pocket Portrait 1, 2021 | Oil on canvas |  $6 \times 4$  in



Anne-Marie Zanetti Australian, b. 1965 Just Breathe, 2022 Oil on canvas  $6 \times 4$  in  $15.2 \times 10.2$  cm Collection of Menendez Family



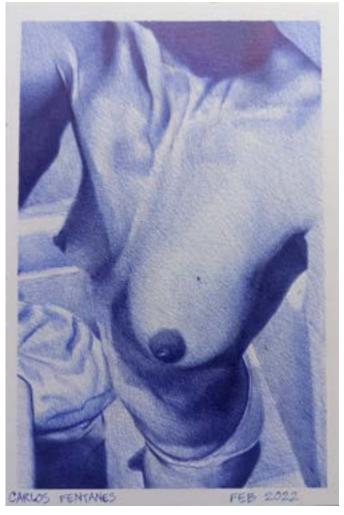
Matthew Alfonso Durante American, b. 1975 Shadia, 2022 Graphite and charcoal on paper 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm

Anne-Marie Zanetti's contemporary, expressive oil paintings combine simple, flowing elements with rich color, tone and detail. Her highly realistic still life and portraiture works are rendered in layers of fine smooth brush strokes and glazes so as not to distract from the overall drama.

Zanetti is on a continual journey to unearth and transform her emotional experiences through her conversation with painting, inviting the viewer to participate in her intimate dialogue and to enjoy the intensity of her unique vision. Carlos Fentanes Canadian, b. 1968 Selfie (Send Nudes), 2022 Ballpoint pen on paper 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm



Elizabeth Barden | To Be Loved, 2022 | Graphite | 6 × 4 in





Pegah Samaie | Blue Veil, 2022 | Oil on aluminum panel | 6  $\times$  4 in



Pegah Samaie | Red Veil, 2022 | Oil on aluminum panel | 6  $\times$  4 in



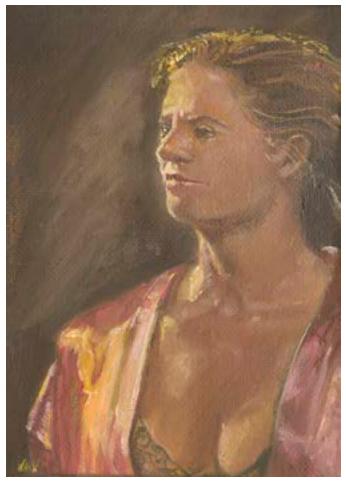
Sergio Gomez | Figure 5, 2022 | Charcoal on Paper | 7 3/4  $\times$  5 1/2 in



Sergio Gomez | Figure 2, 2022 | Charcoal on Paper | 7 4/5  $\times$  5 1/2 in

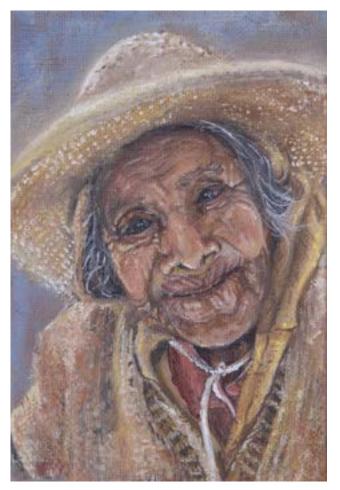


Sarah Warda | Sherieka, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6  $\times$  4 in





Sarah Warda | Dear Evelyn, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6  $\times$  4 in



Sarah Means | In Pink Satin, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6  $\times$  4 in

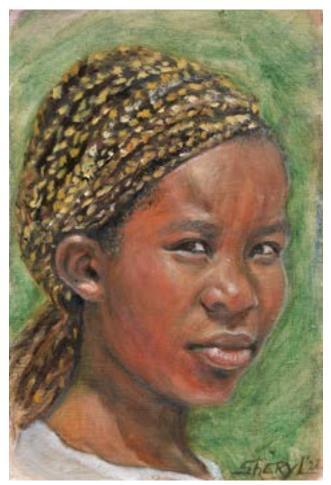
Sarah Means | Sonrisa, 2022 | Oil on canvas | 6 × 4 in



Tina Spratt | Maybe, 2022 | Oil on linen | 6  $\times$  4 in



Homeira Mortazavi | ButHerFly 3, 2021 | Oil on canvas board | 6  $\times$  4 in



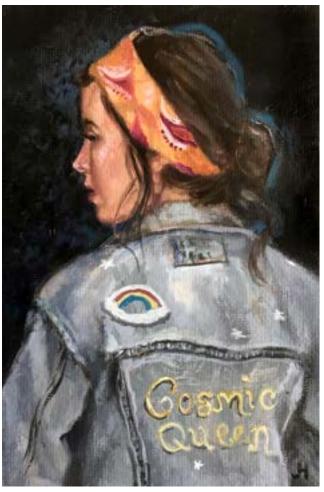
Sheryl Boivin | Warrior, 2022 | Oil on board | 6  $\times$  4 in



Sheryl Boivin | Jean, 2022 | Watercolor | 6  $\times$  4 in



Homeira Mortazavi | ButHerFly 2, 2021 | Oil on canvas board | 6  $\times$  4 in



Jennifer Hartzler | Cassiopeia, 2022 | Oil on canvas panel | 6  $\times$  4 in

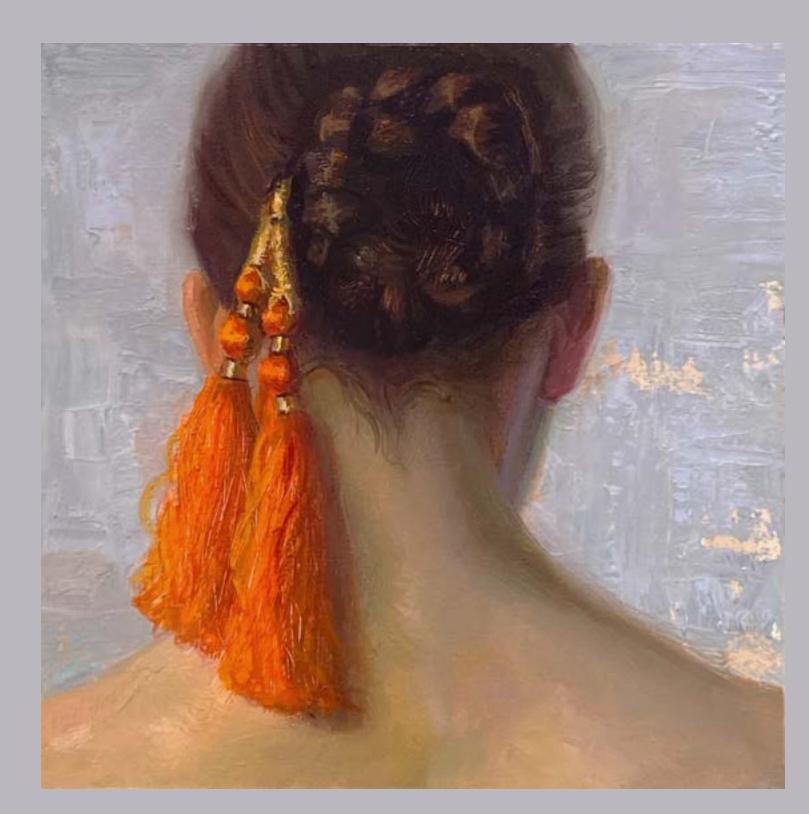




Junyi Liu | Far from Heaven, Far from Hell, 2021 | Graphite on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in

Esther BeLer Wodrich | Coming Up, 2022 | Watercolor | 6  $\times$  4 in





SEJ Indian, b. 1992 Lulu Beats, 2022 Oil on panel 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm Manu Saluja American, b. 1971 Purandi #2, 2022 Oil on canvas 6 × 6 in 15.2 × 15.2 cm



Nicole Alger | Ginger, 2022 | Sanguine and charcoal on paper | 6  $\times$  5 in



Terri Symington | Feelings, 2022 | Oil | 6  $\times$  4 in



Nicole Alger | Bridal, 2022 | Charcoal and Graphite on Paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



Terri Symington | Solitude, 2022 | Oil | 6  $\times$  4 in



Valentine Aprile American, b. 1972 Lit Babes Got Clout, 2022 Oil on canvas 6 × 4 in 15.2 × 10.2 cm



Ivonne Bess | Untitled Cube 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2021 | Oil | 4  $\times$  4  $\,x$  1.5 in

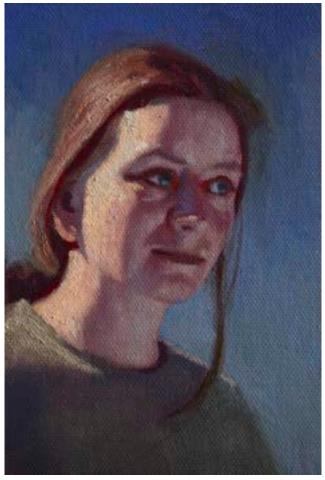








Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern | Lucia, 2022 | Graphite on paper | 6  $\times$  4 in



Thomas Butler (b. 1976) | Angela, 2022 | Oil on linen panel | 6  $\times$  4 in



Nanette Fluhr | Angie, 2021 | Charcoal on paper | 6 × 4 in



Nicole Alger | Yonsei, 2021 | Charcoal and graphite | 6  $\times$  4 in



Lydia Wood | Resting While Nude, 2022 | Mixed media on paper | 4  $\times$  6 in



Lisa Rickard | Self Portrait, 2022 | Graphite on paper |  $4 \times 6$  in



Ingrid Capozzoli Flinn | Nude with Black Veil 7, 2022 | Oil | 6  $\times$  4 in





Ingrid Capozzoli Flinn | Nude with Black Veil 11, 2022 | Oil | 6  $\times$  4 in

Ingrid Capozzoli Flinn | Nude with Black Veil 12, 2022 | Oil | 6  $\times$  4 in



Lisa Fricker | Already, 2022 | Oil on canvas panel | 4  $\times$  6 in



DebiLynn Fendley | Lady with Bird's Nest, 2022 | Acrylic |  $6 \times 4$  in



DebiLynn Fendley | The Artist Younger with Cat, 2022 | Watercolor | 6  $\times$  4 in



Judith Peck | Study in Gold, 2022 | Oil on paper with gold leaf | 4  $\times$  6 in



Kristen Santucci | Turquoise Kimono, 2022 | Oil & Silver Leaf | 6 x 4 in



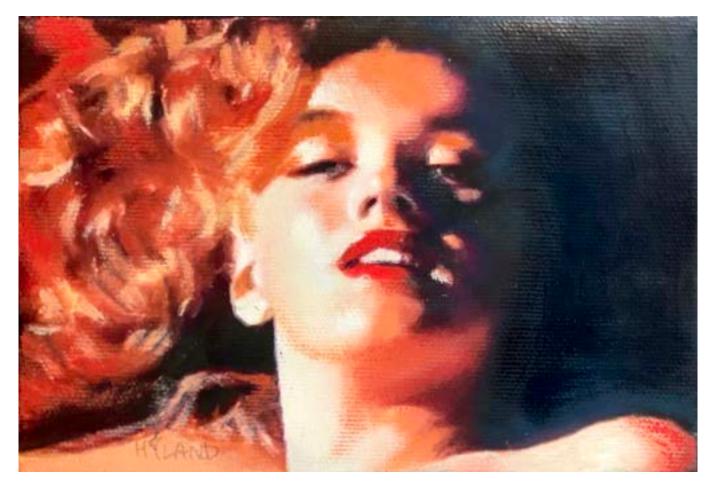
Laurie M. Landry | Mother's Love, 2022 | Oil on panel | 6  $\times$  4 in



John Hyland | Neath Thine Blue Eyes, 2022 | Oil and pencil on canvas | 4  $\times$  6 in



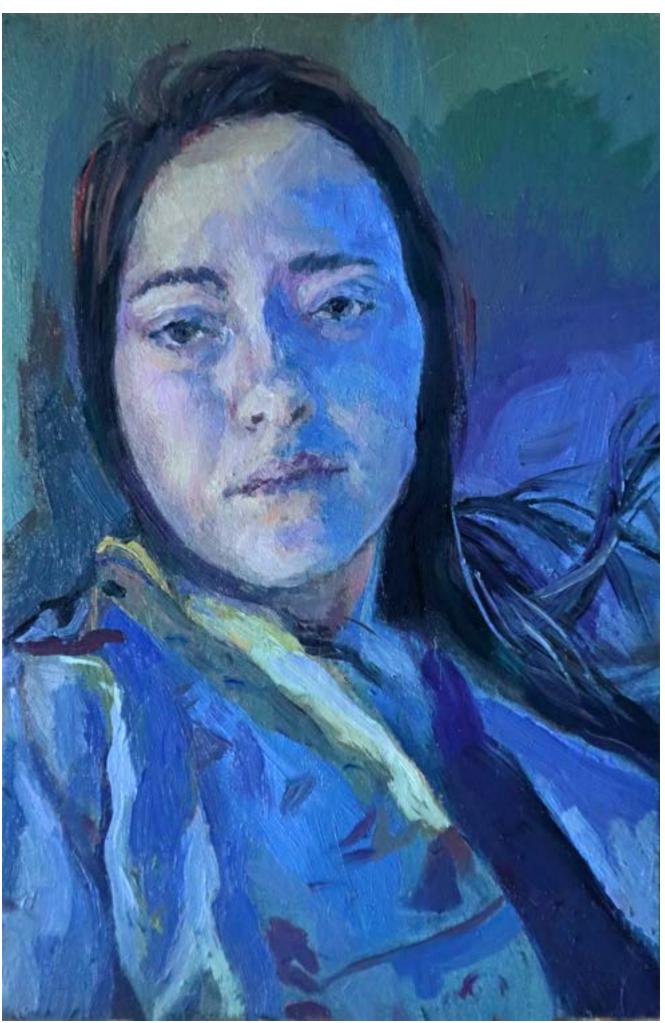
John Hyland | Strength and Honor Are Her Clothing, 2022 | Oil and pencil on canvas | 4  $\times$  6 in



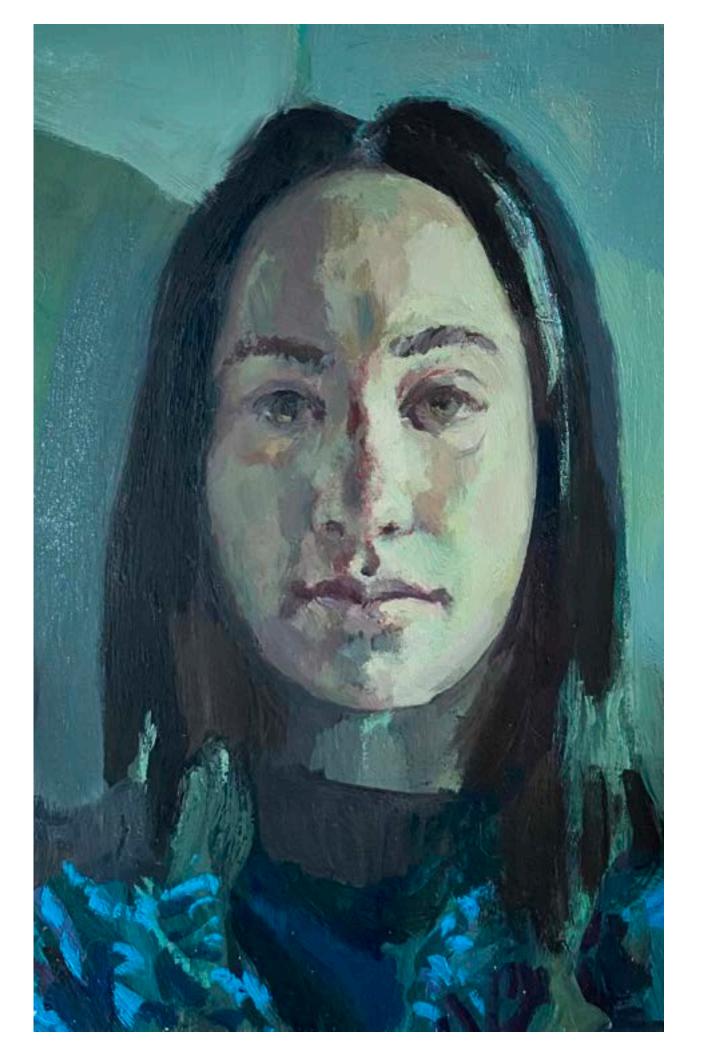
John Hyland | A Durable Flame, 2022 | Oil and pencil on canvas | 4  $\times$  6 in

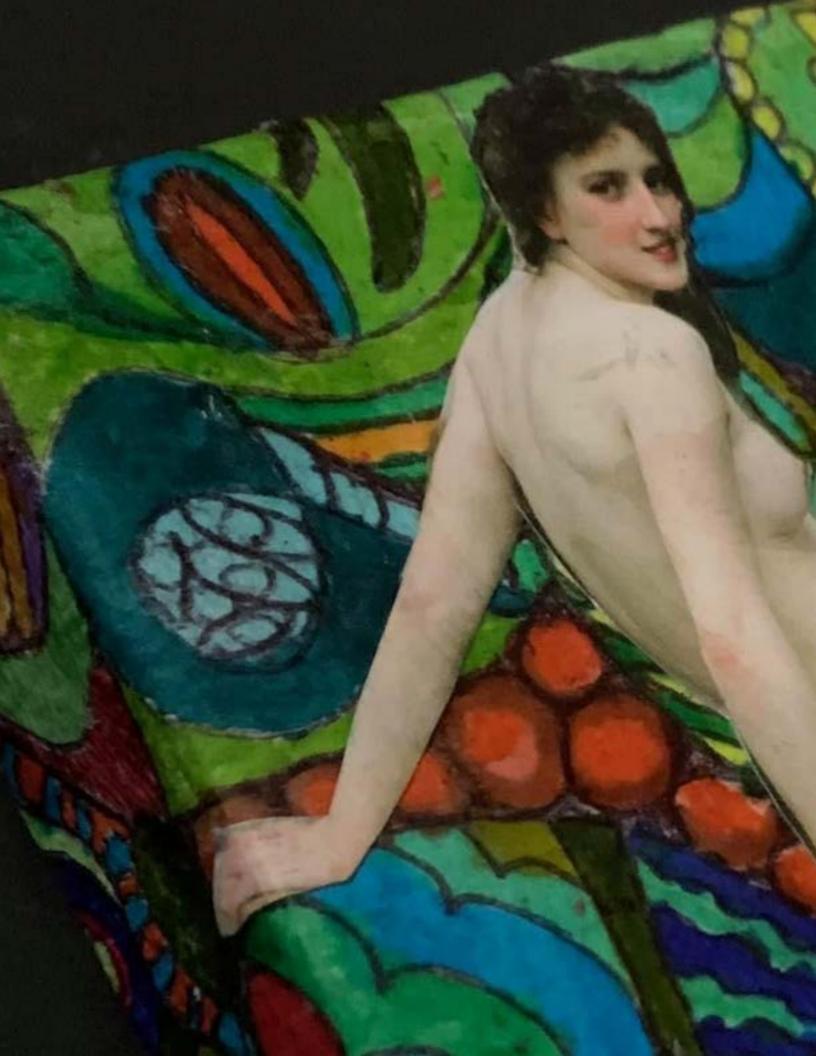


John Hyland | In Her Strong Toil of Grace, 2022 | Oil and pencil on canvas | 4 × 6 in | Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Magazzu



Patricia Schappler American, b. 1961 Blue Day, 2022 Green Day, 2022 Oil & shellac on Stonehenge paper 6 × 4 in each 15.2 × 10.2 cm





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Cynthia Cabrera | Mexican-Canadian, b. 1984 | You are whole, even when parts of you are hidden, 2022 | Watercolor on paper | 6 × 6 in | 15.2 × 15.2 cm

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