

Kristen Landsman

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ARTIST STATEMENT

I make figurative work that often ranges from 30"x 40" or larger. I usually paint on canvas, and create forms working with oil, acrylic, charcoal, and graphite. I render human figures that provoke an emotional connection with the viewer. Using pastiche and nostalgia, I often reference and identify with the cultural history of art and music as both ancient in the recent past.

I'm inspired to cull vivid iconography from previous generations through storytelling. My paintings and drawings are a response to my lifelong affinity of vintage aesthetics in popular culture. I frequently utilize film stills from the 1920's to provide compositional structure and often use literature and music as my motivating force. I often use song lyrics as a catalyst for the various themes and allegorical figures that dominate my compositions. I process song lyrics both directly, and indirectly in order to maintain an authentic approach to my own codex of artistic symbolism that frequently pays homage to the themes of my favorite music.

I actively process the events of everyday life through painting and drawing; celebrations, conflicts, tragedies, and internal monologues. By incorporating these themes, I am able to positively channel, in earnest and sincere expression of my internal and external self.

BIO

Kristen Landsman was born January 8, 2000 in Baltimore, Maryland and currently resides in Westminster, Maryland. She graduated from Carroll Community College with her AA in 2020. She now attends Towson University, pursuing a Bachelors of Science Degree while majoring in drawing, painting and printmaking.

AWARDS

2019 Winner of Carroll Community College's Holiday Card Contest

2018 Winner of Carroll Community College's Holiday Card Contest

2018 First Place, High School Winner of Chapman University's 1939 Society International Holocaust Art and Writing Contest

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022, *Daughter*

Jackson's House, Baltimore, MD

2022, *Discord*

Storage Space Gallery, Towson University, Towson, MD

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022, *Towson University Undergrad Juried Exhibition*

Towson University, Towson, MD

2021–2022, *What We've Been Through*

Formato Fine Arts, Wytheville, VA

2021, *Nuevas Identidades*

Galeria Restituto Rodriguez, Portal Del Diezmo, San Juan del Rio, MX

2021, *Nuevas Identidades*

Galeria Nucleo, Queretaro, MX

2021, *To the Tune of...*

Carroll Arts Center, Westminster, MD

2021, *Card Themed Exhibition*

Shop 53 Tattoo and Art, La Plata, MD

2020, *100 Under \$100*

Creative York, York, PA

2020, *Heart for Art*

Creative York, York, PA

2020, *GFWC Womans Club of Westminster, Art of a New Decade*

Westminster Nonprofit Center, Westminster, MD

2019, *Out of Order*

Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

EDUCATION

Towson University, Towson, MD— Bachelors of Science

January 2021–

Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD— *Associates*

September 2018 - December 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Studio Assistant for Peter Eide, New Windsor, MD

January 2022–May 2022