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FROM THE EDITOR

We are so excited to be back in the art rooms with our students! This year is already off to a great start, with plenty of engaging and creative projects planned for our classes. We've loved hearing about our students' summer experiences—from travels and internships to summer jobs and new adventures.

Our faculty had inspiring summers. Erika Fairchild travelled to Ireland. Kelli Abdoney explored the beauty of Maine with her camera, while Kirby Fredendall prepared for her exhibition at Sarah Gormley Gallery in Ohio. Katie deSlovere shared her impressions of the unconventional Weird AI show at the Mann Music Center, Brian travelled to Hawaii, and Jen spent the summer caring for her animals. We are also sharing the creative pursuits of two of our students, as showcased in their summer work.

We are grateful for the energy, creativity, and inspiration that both our students and teachers bring into the studio. We already have a selection of student work to share!



KELLI ABDONEY
PHOTOGRAPHY TEACHER

OUR FACULTY THIS SUMMER

KELLI ABDONEY



"This Summer I travelled to Maine. It was so beautiful, and the weather was perfect. I hiked and biked, and I loved being with my camera in the quiet of nature and the vast coastline. I work best in this kind of environment. Landscape photography is a form of therapy for me, one that is deeply rooted in my love of the outdoors. It is truly when I am completely submerged in my creative zone. I feel very fortunate to have had this time to myself to take photographs of the land and seascapes that really inspire me as a photographer."



KATHRYN DESLOOVERE

"This summer I went down to the sold out Weird Al show at the Mann music center In Fairmont Park, Philadelphia. I had the opportunity to visit with friends from the Crew and Band. The beginning of the show Al starts the show with the pre-walk through the stadium. This is a live feed from the camera through fiber optics to the hanging LED wall. There are many moving parts to create a seamless entry from stands to stage. Here is a link to the bit and attached are some shots of the rigs backstage to create the magic! "

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4C6eRH0vBkl&pp=ygUeV2VpcmQgYWwgchJlIHNoY3cgd2FsayBpbA1MDI1>



ERIKA FAIRCHILD

"This summer I traveled internationally for the first time since childhood, spending ten days in Ireland visiting my daughter in Dublin and driving along the Wild Atlantic Way. I took countless photos of architecture, public art, and museums, including the Irish National Gallery, where I was encouraged to see more women artists represented in the collections. I look forward to using these experiences and images in my upcoming spring course, Art Herstory, which highlights the long-overlooked contributions of women in art."

(above) Gabriele Minter Girl with a Red Ribbon 1908, oil on board

OUR FACULTY THIS SUMMER



KIRBY FREDENDALL

"This Summer, I wrapped up the creation of the pieces that travelled to a two-person show in Columbus, Ohio, at Sarah Gormley Gallery. It was a great way to share with my students how an artist creates a body of work that has a cohesive creative impulse and then shares it with their audience."



BRIAN PEARSON

"My wife Jane and I traveled to Hawaii for our 31st anniversary. I was mesmerized by the raw beauty of the Big Island. All the gentle, subtle, quiet coves in Hilo were like pools of relaxation. Watching the clouds lift and reveal Kilauea volcano in the background is breathtaking. The power of the ocean hitting the black rocks is humbling, and the horticulture was amazing."



JEN BRITTINGHAM

"This summer was a busy one on the farm. We welcomed 5 little kits to the farm family, two of which are pictured here. In addition, the three donkeys, three horses, and 3 goats kept our many visitors amused with their antics."

OUR STUDENTS THIS SUMMER



SIERRA ELISE COHEN



Sierra Elise Cohen (Class of 2027) had two digital photographs selected for the Bristol Art Galeria 2025 Small Works Show. This juried show features a variety of mediums, all within a max frame size of 11" x 14". It runs September 13 through October 19, and is open weekends 12-4pm.

<https://www.bristolartgaleria.com/>



HEIDI TORGERSON

"This summer, I earned a scholarship for the Parsons Summer Intensive at the New School, a 3-week college prep course in New York that prepares students for art colleges. Though it was a challenge, I have never learned more in such a small period of time than I did this summer. For one, I was on my own for three weeks, navigating one of the most overstimulating places in the world for me, New York City. I was fully expecting to have a rough time with how busy it is; however, I quickly learned my routine and how I personally navigate this city. It made me realize how capable I can learn to be. Another aspect I was surprised by was the program itself. Obviously, it was rigorous, but I found a schedule that clearly worked for me well (considering I personally somehow got the highest grade), and though I was tired by the end of it, I was able to feel proud.. Overall, I am so happy I was able to get the scholarship for this amazing program I wouldn't normally be able to afford, and I highly recommend applying to programs like these."

advanced photography

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Harper Hara



Kailey Goldberg



Obie Taylor



Sadie Morgan-Kendal



Sierra Cohen



Sienna Shapiro

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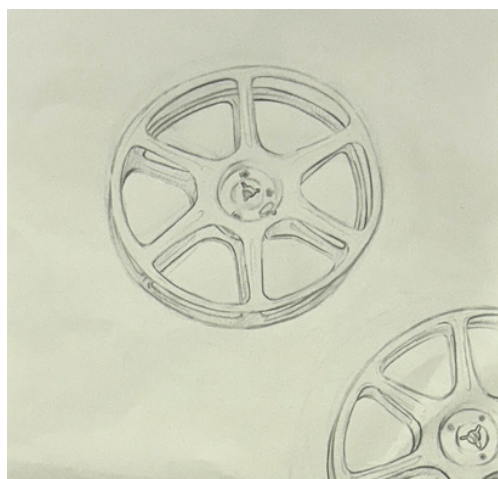
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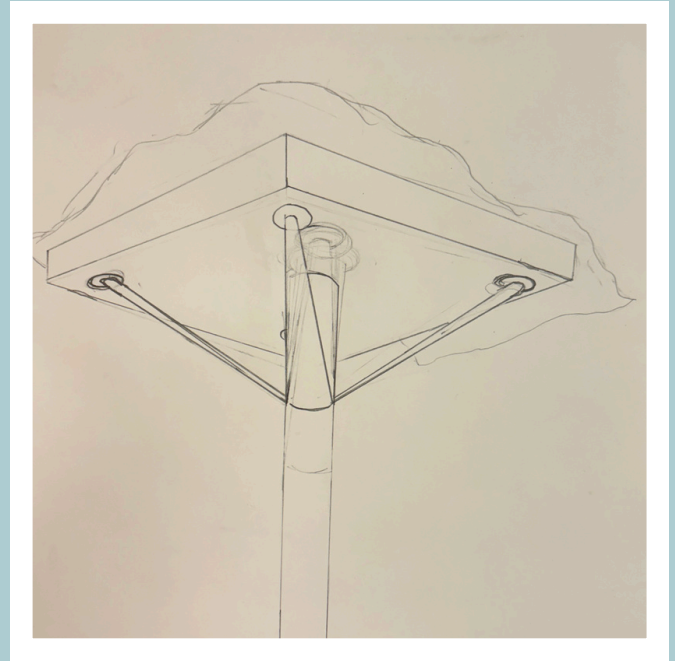


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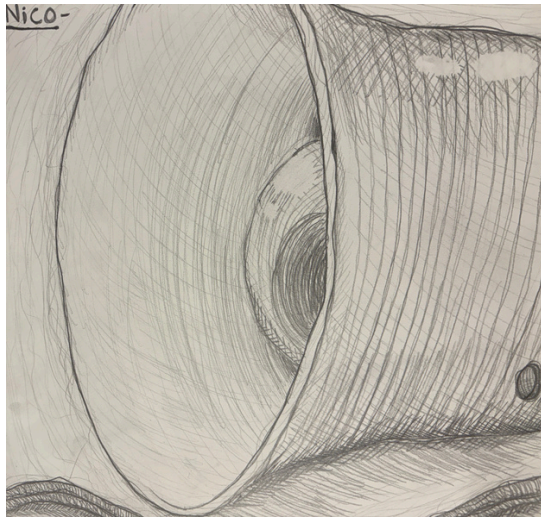
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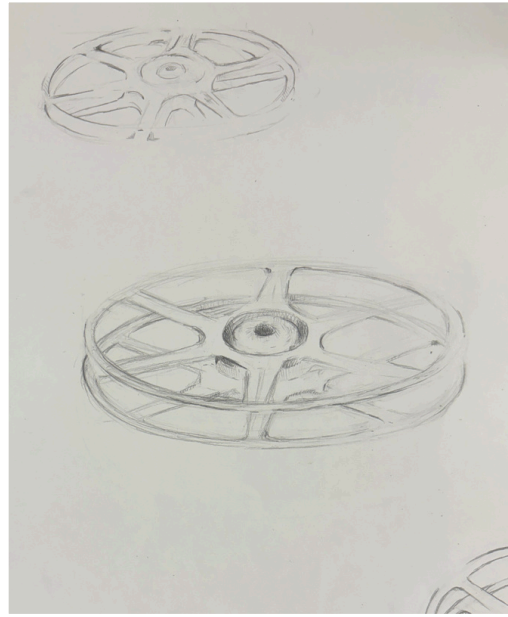
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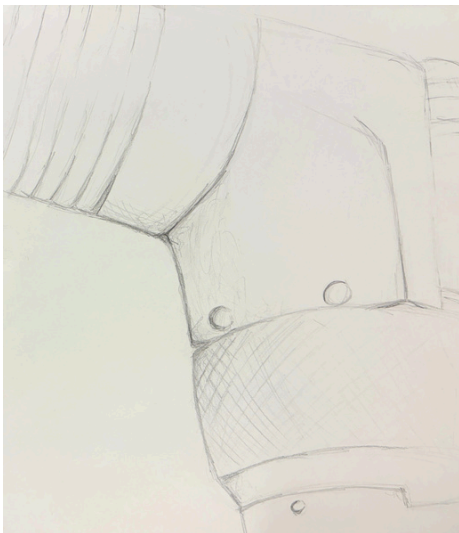
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Glenn Clausen



Charlie Hubbard



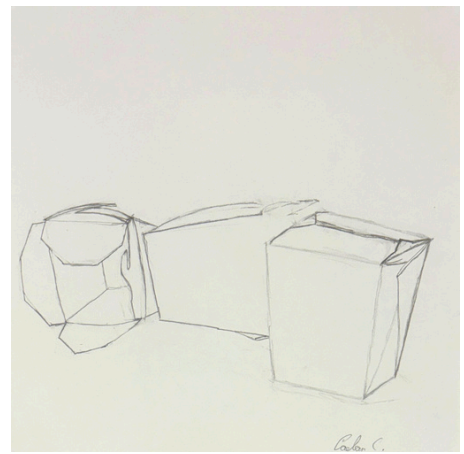
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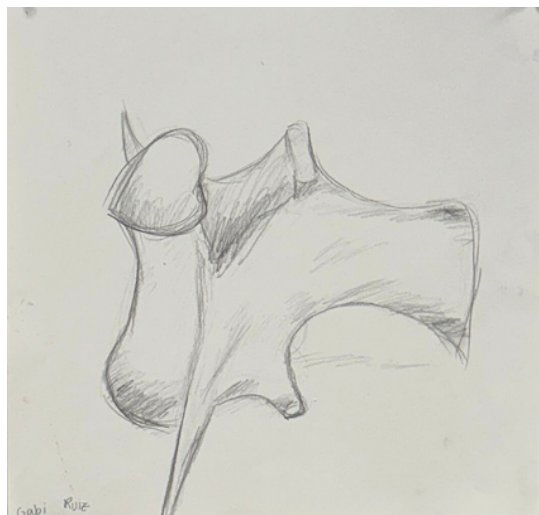


Eryn Starke

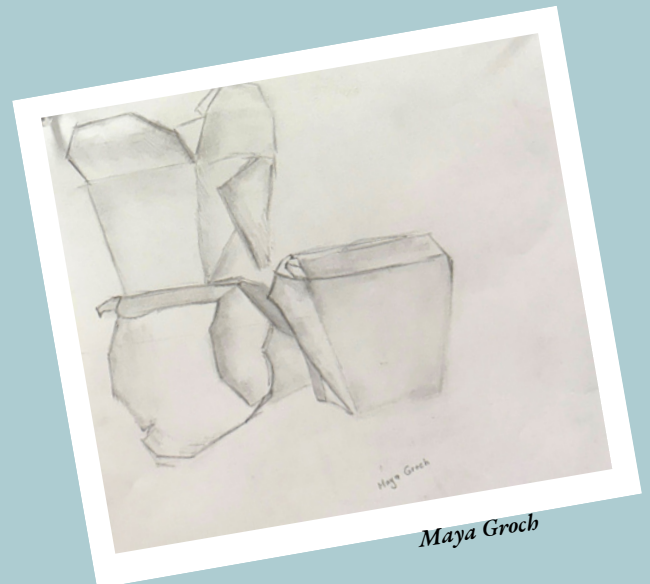


Caelan Costello

advanced & intermediate painting & drawing



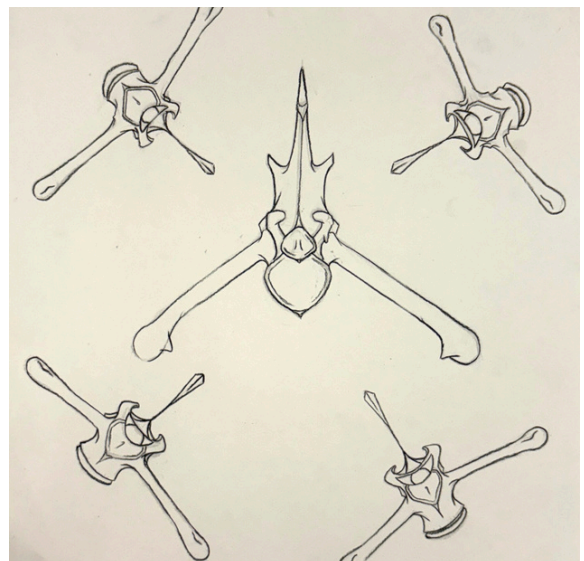
Gabi Ruiz



Maya Groch

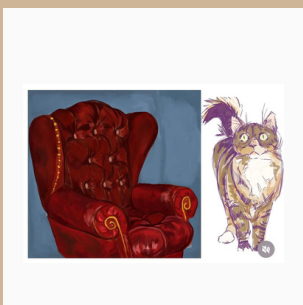


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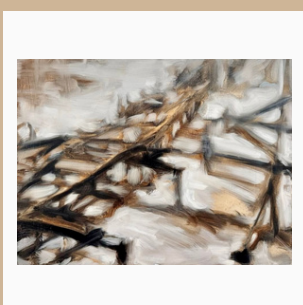
Joan Savoir Bartning

alums creating amazing work out there!



Clara Borthwick

Clara is a student at Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. Follow Clara on Instagram at [claraborthwickart](#).



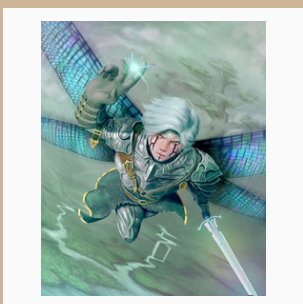
Maggie Livesey

Maggie is a student in the Brown RISD dual degree program. This is a small oil painting from "a painting a day" project in oils. Follow her on instagram at [marguerite.l.art](#).



Sami Feder

Sami is currently a Psychology major at Montclair State University and continues to create using mediums such as collage, printmaking, and digital art that focus on insects and other natural subjects. Follow Sami on Instagram at [schmoOp](#).



Ben Gabinet

"I love bringing my fantasy characters to life and I am hugely inspired by artists like Craig Mullins and Frank Frazetta. I also want to thank Erika and Kirby for beng such supportive art teachers when I was at Solebury." Follow Ben on Instagram at [pen_gabinart](#). Ben is a Technical Artist at Rockstar Games.



Charlotte Martin

"My thesis is an illustrated exploration of the great families of Greek mythology, specifically the narrative roles suffered by women and feminine deities within the context of the houses of Atreus, Thebes, and Athens. I attributed two pieces to each house and have included summaries of the myths I illustrated, placed next to each set of two pieces." Follow Charlotte on Instagram at [charlottesmartinillu](#).