

## Curatorial Rational

The ideas of my artworks have transitioned a lot throughout the whole time period i've been making art pieces. Though it is evident that not all of my works have similar meanings, they all fall under the theme of things that are important to me. I like to make art that resonates with my ideologies, beliefs and culture. By wanting to express what is important to me I have been able to experience trying out new forms of art that I wasn't familiar with before. For example, ever since I was younger the art medium that I have always been most comfortable in creating is Illustrations. At first it began as a hobby thanks to my mom who encouraged my brother and I to draw and ever since then my skills have improved a lot. Nowadays I have been most interested in creating Realistic Portraits so in two of my projects I decided to express that art style to the best of my artistic abilities. The two pieces that I made in this style were "mi vida, mi madre" and "Feliz Cumpleaños". In connection to my theme I was very proud of these works because they display very well what holds meaning and is extremely important in my life.

Looking back on the creation process of all of my artworks I learned about my art style preference from the artist inspirations that I was influenced by the most. Four of the most prominent influences I noticed throughout my work were Frida Kahlo, Rene Magritte, Vincent Van Gogh and Henri Matisse. After having done research and observed the artwork they all made, I noticed that most created many surrealist pieces. The surrealist art movement is known for its imaginative images that would seem to only exist in one's dreams. I believe that this artistic movement is what made me fond of these artists. Though my pieces may not have as many surrealist attributes, the hues used in these pieces is what I am guided by to create an eye appealing work full of emphasis. In connection to colors I also wanted the audience to have a sense of understanding as to why certain symbolic images in each piece were contrasted from the dull colors . There is always a deeper meaning once a person stops and thinks about it a little more. Overall there are many things that have a great deal of importance to me so that's why I decided to portray what I envisioned through the many great artistic inspirations, ideas, memories, people and feelings.