

2025 Recommended art acquisitions

Recreation, Parks and Culture

Council Meeting
July 8, 2025

Our collection

- Strathcona County's Art Collection has 436 artworks, including 47 by youth and 63 pieces of major public art.
- Our collection represents the work of 274 different artists and 10 artist collaborations.

Adult category process

- Artist who are eligible to submit artwork to be chosen for permanent acquisition include:
 - residents of Strathcona County,
 - artists with a strong connection to Strathcona County,
 - artists who identify as being from an equity deserving group residing within Treaty 6, and
 - artists who have been part of a juried art exhibition (Gallery@501) or public art opportunity with Strathcona County.

Adult category process

- The artworks were reviewed by the Art Gallery Curator and Public Art Advisor and then the Art Collection Advisory Committee met to make the final selections.
- The newly acquired artworks will be on display at the Artrium at the Community Centre before being moved to a new location in a Strathcona County facility.

Youth category process

- The Art Society of Strathcona County organizes and hosts the annual *Student Art Show, Competition and Sale* at the AJ Ottewell Centre, featuring artwork from students in grades 10 to 12 from Strathcona County.
- The winning artists from this competition are invited to have their artwork on display for one year in the Gemstone Gallery Youth Art Space in Emerald Hills Leisure Centre.
- The Gemstone Gallery is an inclusive and informal exhibition space where youth artwork can be shared and enjoyed by the public.

Budget

- The total cost for the 2025 art acquisition recommendations is \$17,877.
- \$11,747 of the funds are provided from the operating budget and \$6,130 is allocated from the public art reserves to address diversity gaps in the collection.

2025 Artwork submissions

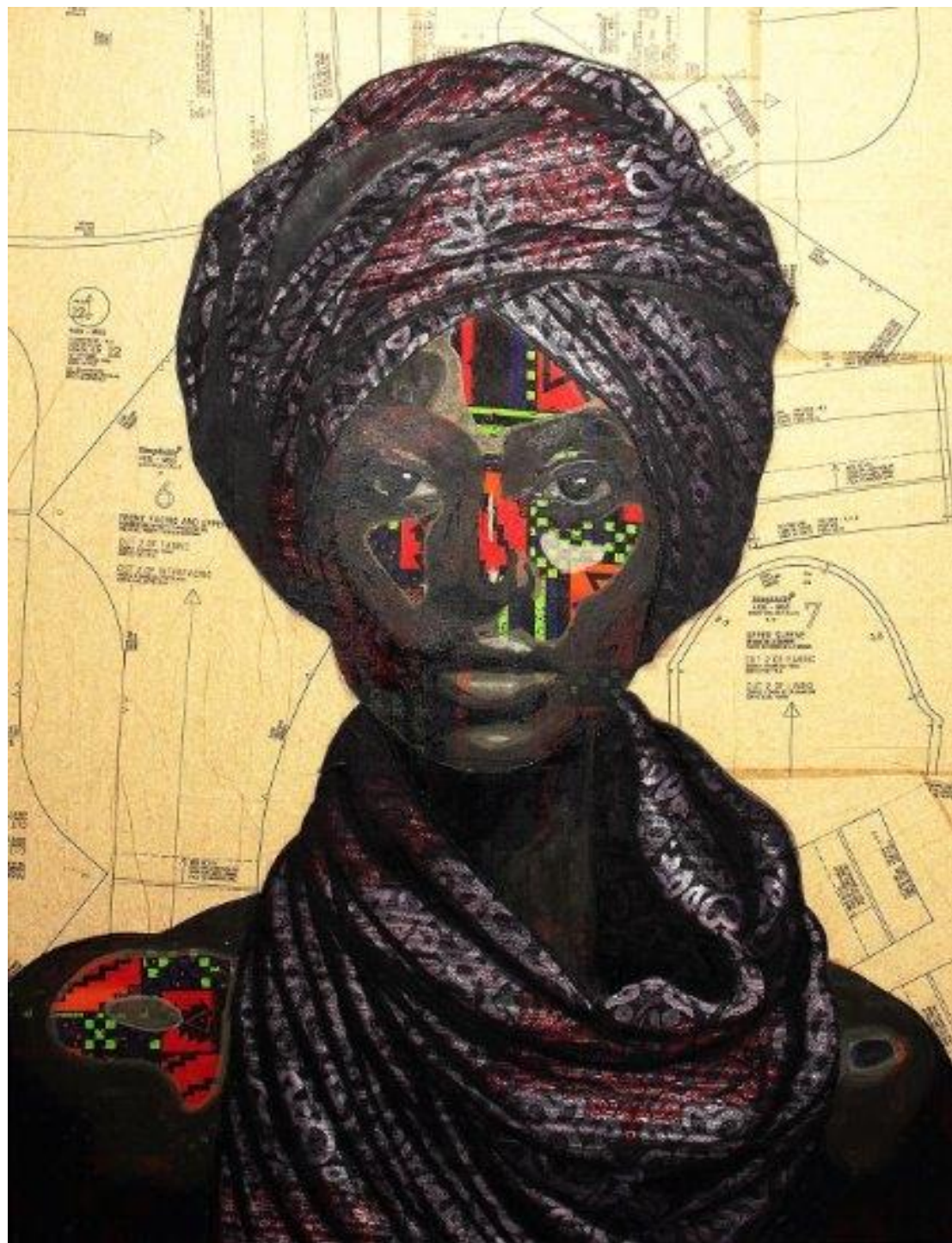
Adult Category

- 71 artworks were submitted by 44 artists for acquisition
- 13 artworks are recommended for acquisition

Youth Category

- 210 artworks were submitted by 90 students at the Art Society of Strathcona County's *Student Art Show, Competition and Sale*
- 14 of these artworks are featured at the Gemstone Gallery at Emerald Hills Leisure Centre and will be displayed for one year as part of the youth loan program

Adult category recommendations



PURCHASE

Time Traveller

Garfield Morgan

Oil, acrylic, African wax fabric on canvas
36" x 48"

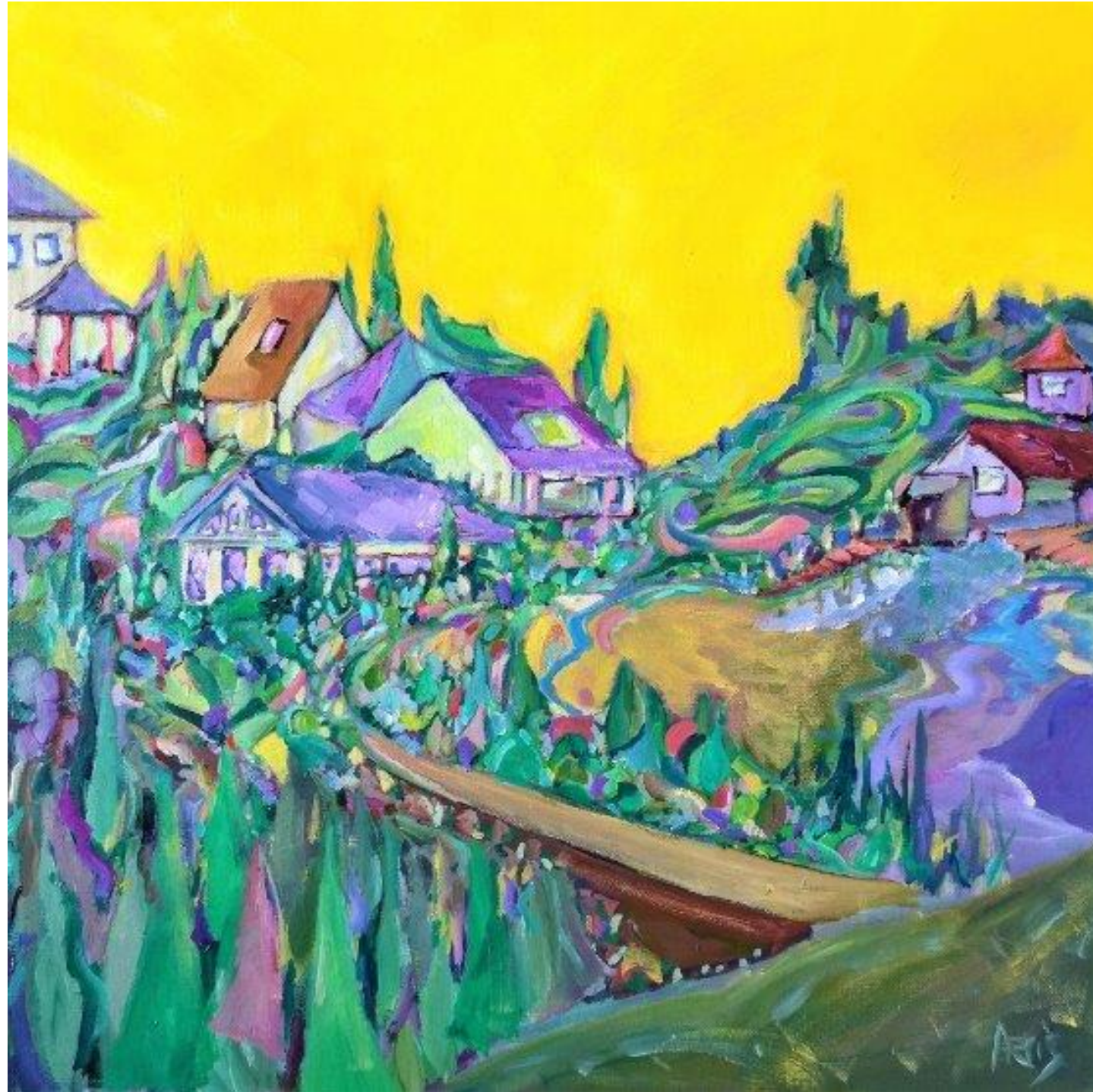


PURCHASE

***Arctic Pup and
Winter Cub***

Jessica Desmoulin

Acrylic on canvas
30" x 24",

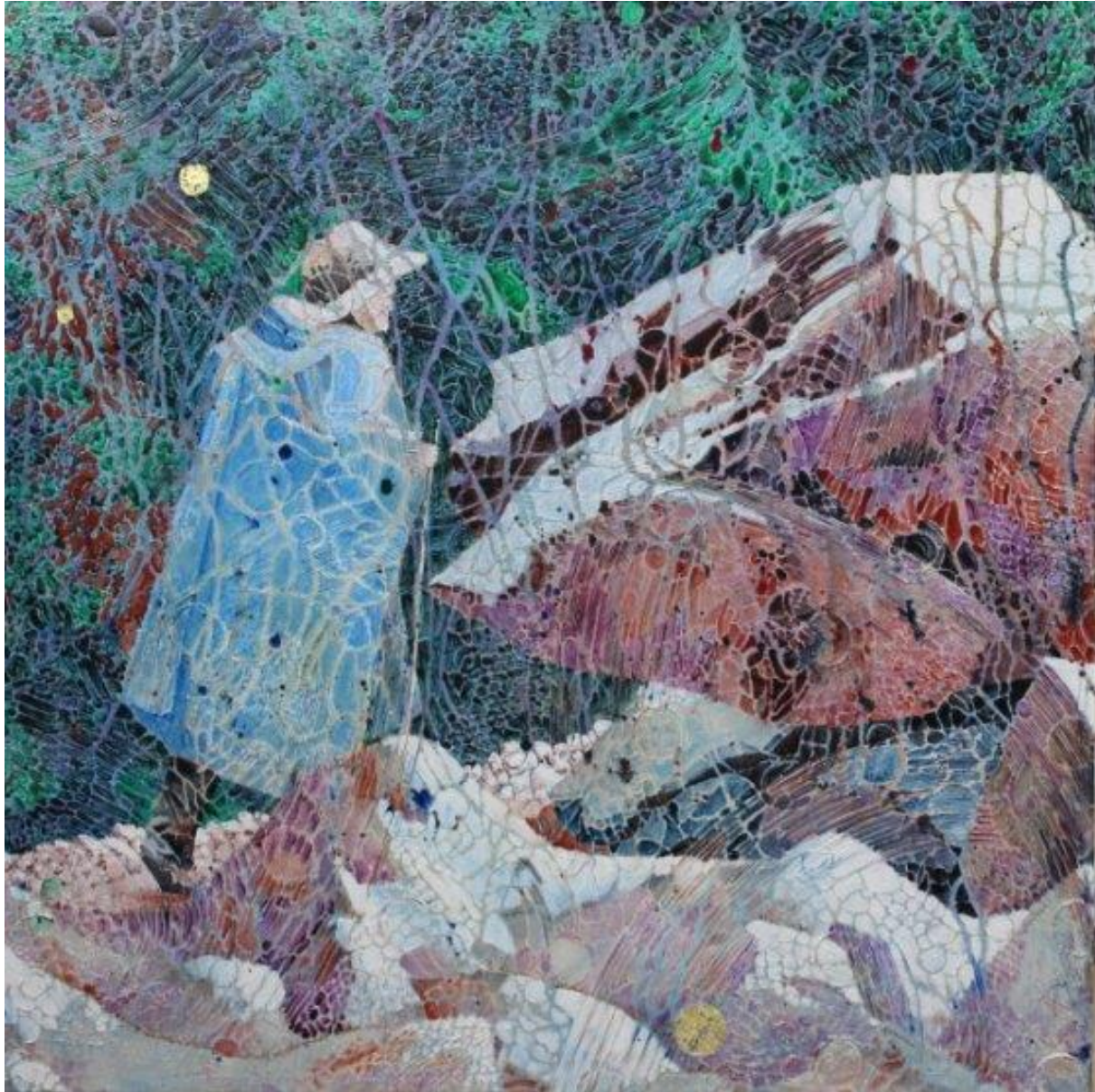


PURCHASE

Alberta Hilly Town

Aeris Osbourne

Acrylic on canvas
20" x 20"



PURCHASE

Onward and Upward

Karen Blanchet

Mixed media on canvas

36" x 30"



PURCHASE

A Symphony of Light

Linda Treleven

Photo on metal
14" x 14"



PURCHASE

The Threat

Tanya Garner-Tomas

Acrylic on canvas

18" x 24"



PURCHASE

Calling River Alberta

Dennis P Yowney

Acrylic on canvas

42" x 30"



PURCHASE

Sailors Delight

Suzan Berwald

Monotype on canvas
15" x 19"



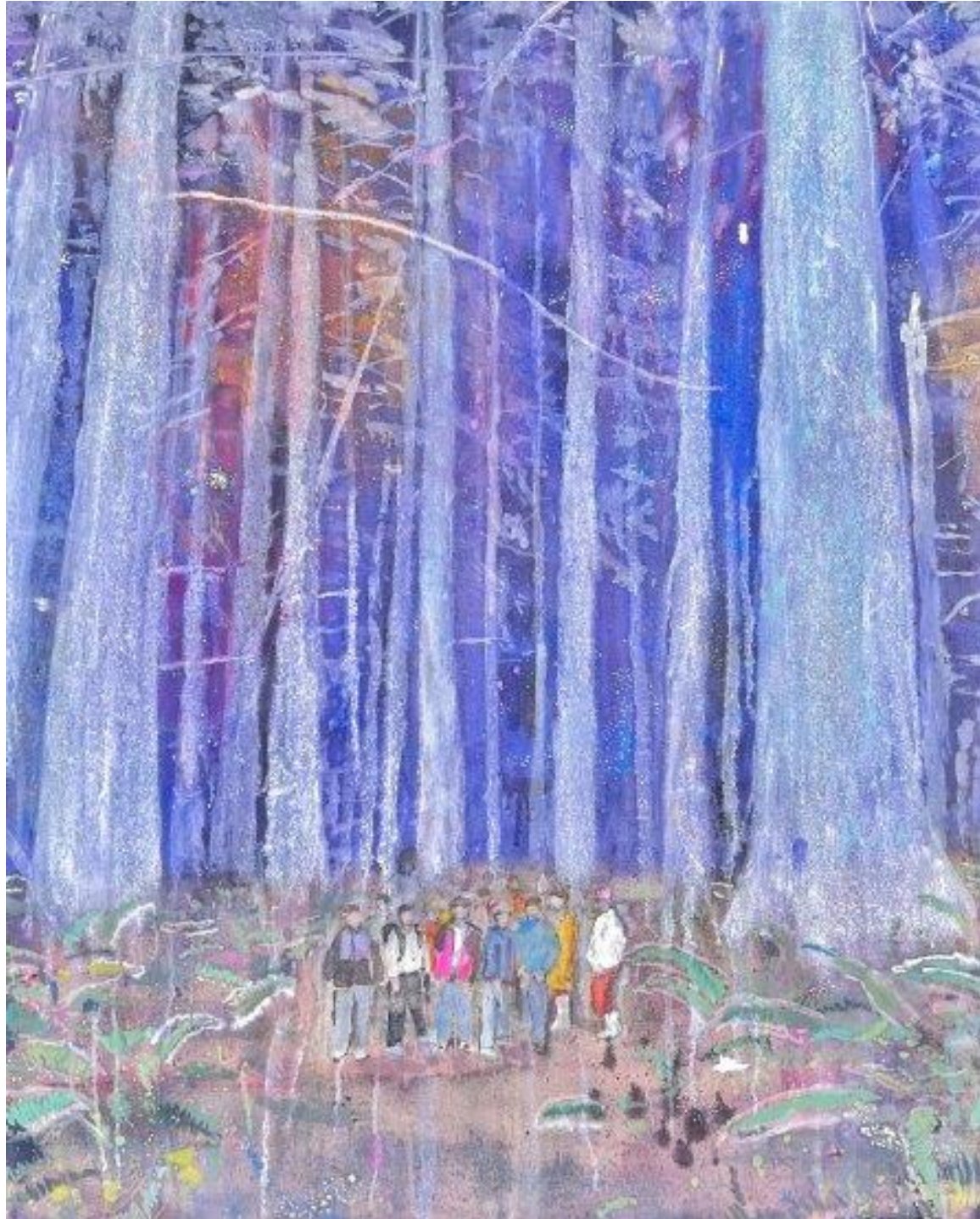
PURCHASE

First Time Parents

Kirra Kent

Acrylic on canvas

36" x 48"



PURCHASE

In the Shadows of Giants

James MacDonald

Oil on canvas
48" x 60"



PURCHASE

Pyramid Lake II

Suzan Berwald

Mixed media on canvas
12" x 12"



PURCHASE

Waterfall Potatoes

Anne Marie Szucs

Acrylic on canvas

24" x 36"

Youth category loans



YOUTH LOAN

My Own Worst Critic

Olivia Peddle

Bev Facey Community High, Grade 10

Graphite



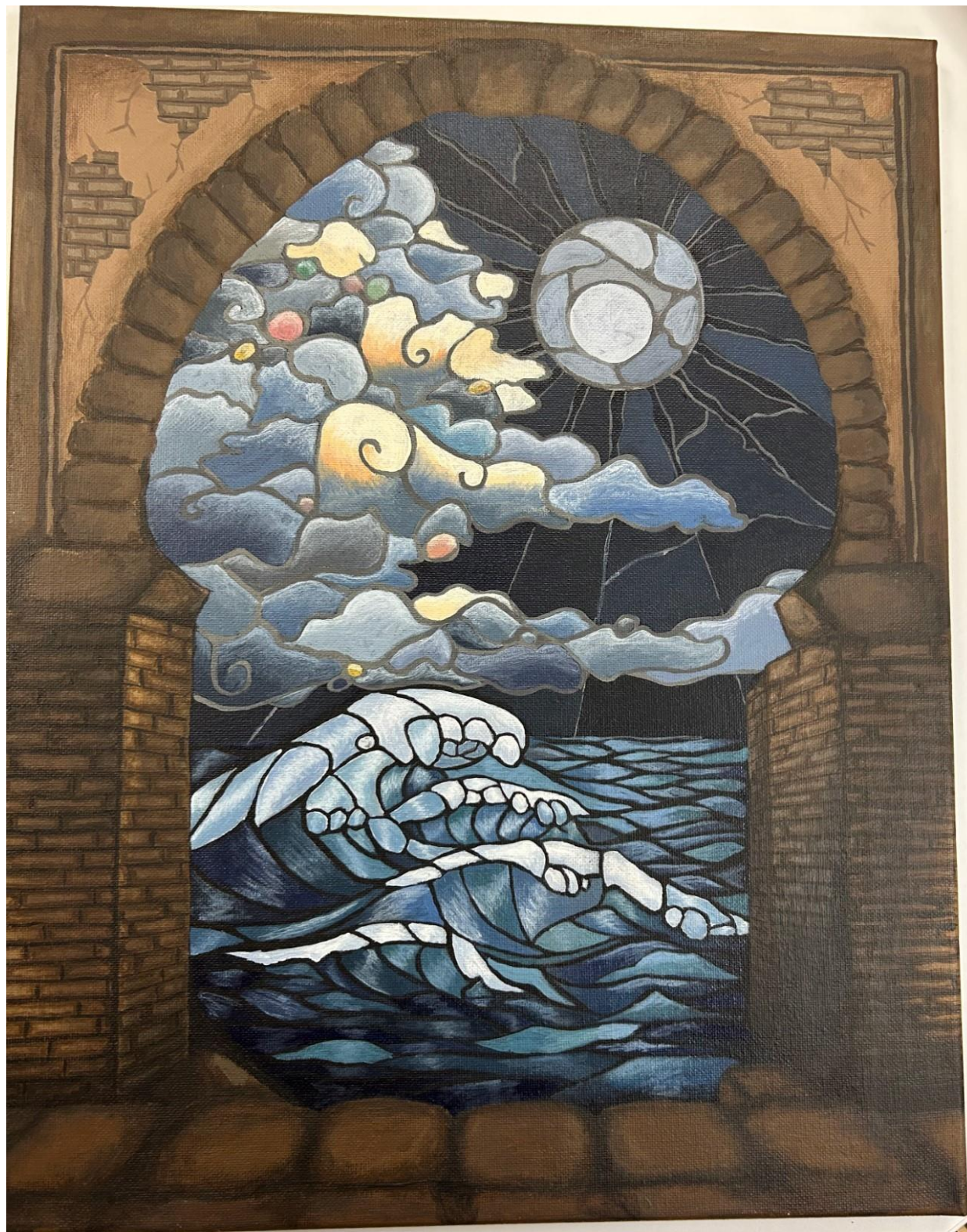
YOUTH LOAN

Feathered Affection

Lyla Sales

Archbishop Jordan High School, Grade 10

Coloured Pen



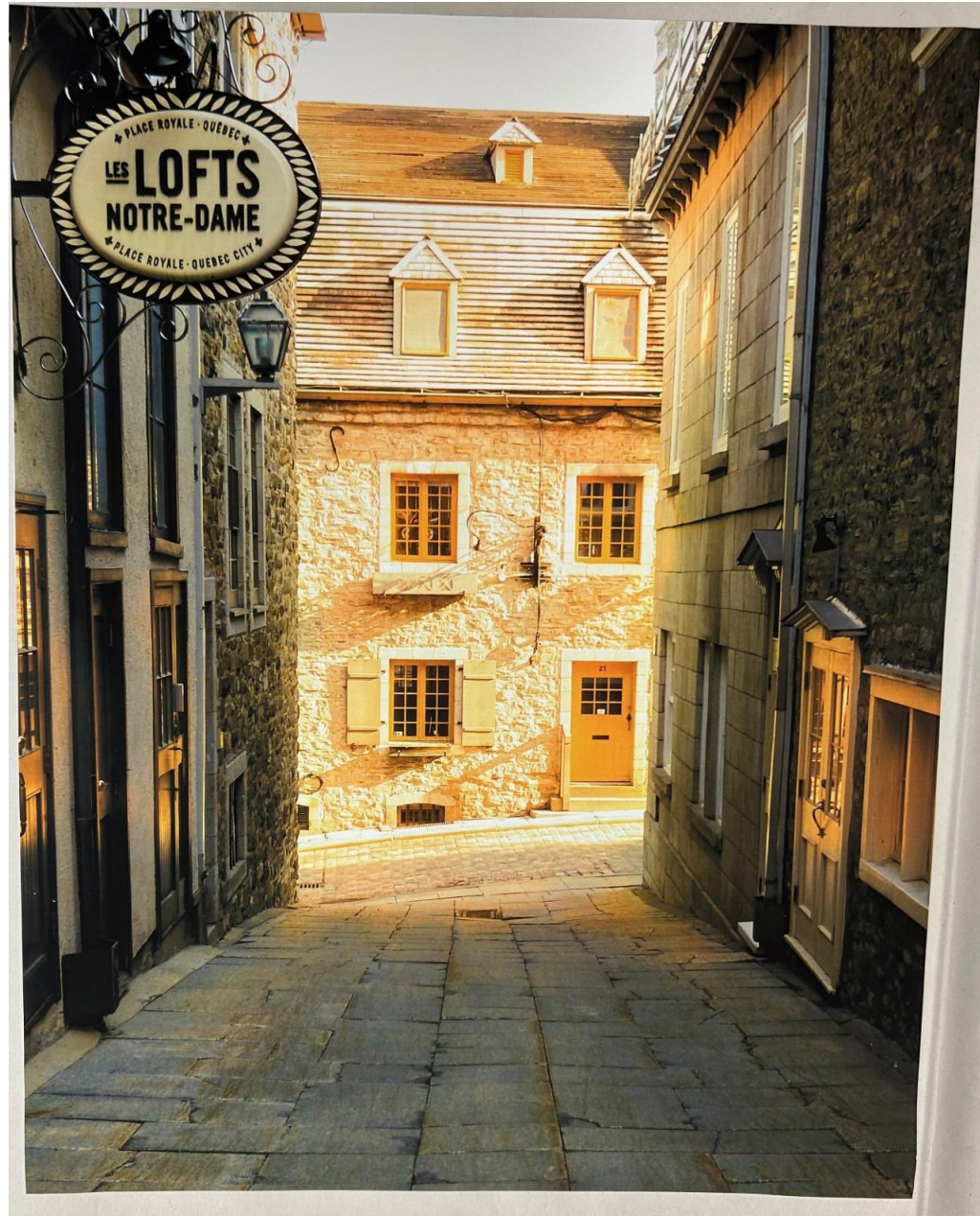
YOUTH LOAN

Starless Reflection

Samantha DeCoursey

Ardrossan Junior Senior High, Grade 12

Acrylic



YOUTH LOAN

Clarity

Ashlyn Mok

Bev Facey Community High, Grade 10

Photograph



YOUTH LOAN

I Don't Bite

Amber Dancey

Salisbury Composite High School, Grade 12

Pen



YOUTH LOAN

It All Comes out in the Wash

Amber Dancey

Salisbury Composite High School, Grade 12

Acrylic



YOUTH LOAN

Aslan

Marisa Irvine

Ardrossan Junior Senior High, Grade 12

Acrylic



YOUTH LOAN

A Self Portrait

Avery Ackroyd

Bev Facey Community High, Grade 10

Graphite



YOUTH LOAN

Toronto Red

Lauren Davison-Taljit

Bev Facey Community High, Grade 10

Photography



YOUTH LOAN

Interstellar

Lexi Schroter

Salisbury Composite High School, Grade 12

Acrylic



YOUTH LOAN

Challengingly Directioned

Ashley Ackerman

Strathcona Christian Academy, Grade 12

Digital Art



YOUTH LOAN

Around the Tree

Marissa Ozdemir

Salisbury Composite High School, Grade 11

Graphite



YOUTH LOAN

Black Dahlia

Uzochi Ukiwe

Strathcona Christian Academy, Grade 12

Charcoal, ink



YOUTH LOAN

Jeremy

Kennedy Dugay

Salisbury Composite High School, Grade 10

Scratchboard

Questions?

Thank you.