## **Exhibition Text Document for Final IB Portfolio (10 Pieces)**

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Title: Take A Sip!
Medium: Block print
Size: 30cm x 28cm
Date: September 2019

**Exhibition Text:** "Take a Sip!" was created by combining modern pop art with retro advertisements. It represents false pretenses covering up deeper problems. The composition of the piece was inspired by

Roy Lichtenstein's work and the title was pulled from the ad slogans seen while researching.

Title: The Journey

Medium: Drypoint print with watercolor

Size: 20 cm x 15 cm Date: October 2019

**Exhibition Text: "The Journey"** was inspired by classic French dry print artist **Auguste Brouet**, and modern watercolor artwork. A ballerina is the subject of the print, leaping from one pool of color to the

next, journeying down the path of healing.

Title: When the Plum Blossoms Bloom

Medium: Acrylic paint on canvas Size: Three 31cm x 61cm canvases

Date: November 2019

**Exhibition Text: "When the Plum Blossoms Bloom"** is a triptych series that represents how I am viewed by the people around me, how I truly am, and who I want to be. It was heavily influenced by the **Art Nouveau** movement and the symbolism of plum blossoms in **Japanese artwork**. These paintings tell the story of reaching for growth and maturity despite the struggles along the way.

**Title: Drawer Organizer** 

Medium: Styrofoam Size: 45cm x 25 cm Date: February 2020

**Exhibition Text:** Motivated by empathy and using design thinking, I created a way to organize drawers. I was inspired by **Marie Kondo** and her KonMari method. I created a system that could be adapted to fit many kinds of drawers and configurations.

Title: The Hero or the Villain? (You Decide)

Medium: Color pencil on paper Size: Two 30.5cm x 40.6cm papers

Date: November 2019

Exhibition Text: "The Hero or the Villain? (You Decide)" is an illustration that investigates the characterization of the Greek goddess, Hera. It combines a modern version of her with classic baroque paintings' style. The pieces prompt the viewer to ask what it means to be a villain or a hero, and if Hera was either or both.

Title: You're So Bright! Medium: Digital collage Size: 91 cm x 61 cm Date: March 2020

Exhibition Text: "You're So Bright!" is a digital collage inspired by the work of Barbara Kruger. It represents feeling trapped by different people's expectations while trying to balance your own feelings and dreams.

Title: Seeing Red

Medium: Watercolor on paper

Size: 30 cm x 23 cm Date: April 2020

Exhibition Text: "Seeing Red" is a tribute to Edouard Manet and his use of flowers in his work. It is a play on the well-known idiom for becoming suddenly angry, instead approaching the idea that one may "see red" when experiencing love. It is done completely in shades of red and pink.

Title: the Haze

Medium: Digital Collage Size: 61 cm x 91cm Date: October 2020

**Exhibition Text: "the Haze"** is a photography piece that explores the feeling of growing up and missing childhood, even romanticizing the past to seem better than it was. It was inspired by the photography of

Sally Mann and Liséa Lyons.

Title: Coming of Age to a Teen Near You

Medium: Watercolor on paper, digital editing

Size: 91 cm x 61 cm Date: October 2020

**Exhibition Text:** This mixed media work was inspired by modern **movie posters** and the work of **Claude Monet**. It presents the romanticism of being a teen through the use of colors and text. It explores the

struggle of young people to accept that their lives aren't movie perfect.

Title: Unfinished, an Updated Self-Portrait

Medium: Acrylic on canvas Size: 22.8 cm x 40.6 cm Date: November 2020

Exhibition Text: "Unfinished" is a self portrait from my senior year of high school. It was inspired by the

classic artist Paul Cézanne and modern artist Noel Badges Pugh. It is meant to seem loose and

sketchy, representing the fact that, as a person, I myself am unfinished.