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Visual Art (Sculpture & Paintings), Film, and Video Installations

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"Alchemy: Between the Past and Magic" - 2022

alchemy: a seemingly magical process of transformation, creation, or combination.

Inspired by the traditional craftsmanship of Chinese artistry, "Alchemy: Between the Past and Magic" embeds the ancient philosophies of the intellectual sisters of painting, poetry and landscape.

Through contemporary compositions between the magical realism of nature and the organic connections of timeless materiality, "Alchemy" probes its own conceptual process through inquisitive methodology and visual abstraction.

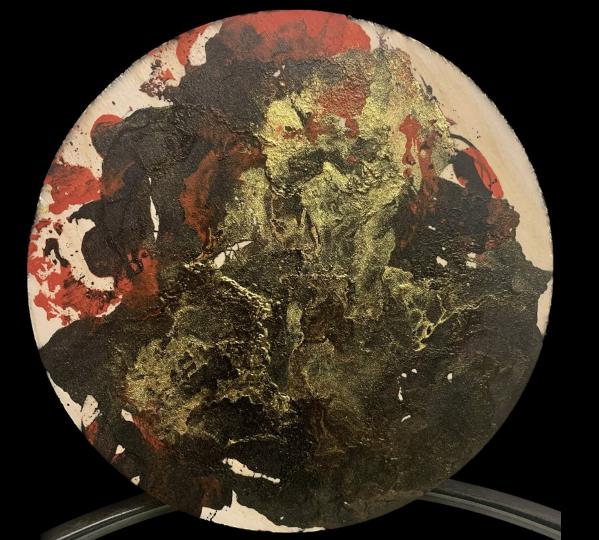
"Stormborne"

Acrylic Painting

on Plywood

(displayed on

vintage table)



Stormborne

From the terrors that only I can understand, Beyond the blazed anguish of my own mind. In the darkness found inside the light, Amassing a gameness that plummets within.

I believe that gold is to stay.
But that not all that is gold is good.
Yet the darkness and fumes bring out each other,
In the ferocity that consumes, even the surface.

Water &

Hand-Molded

Reesway

Sculpture

(displayed on

vintage



Water &

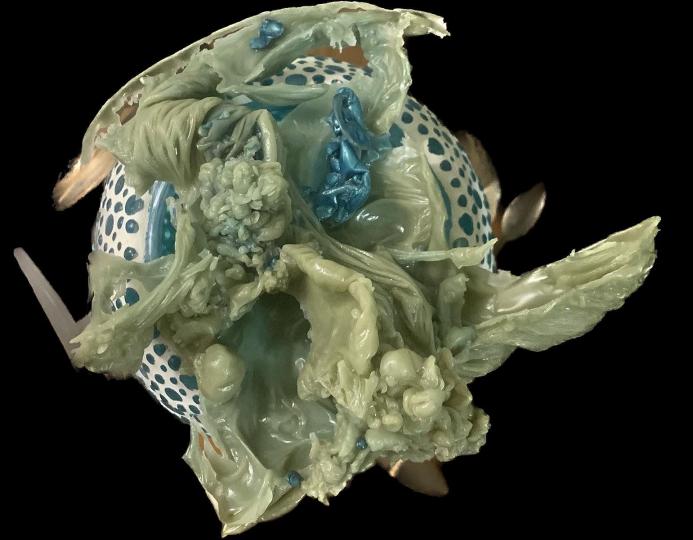
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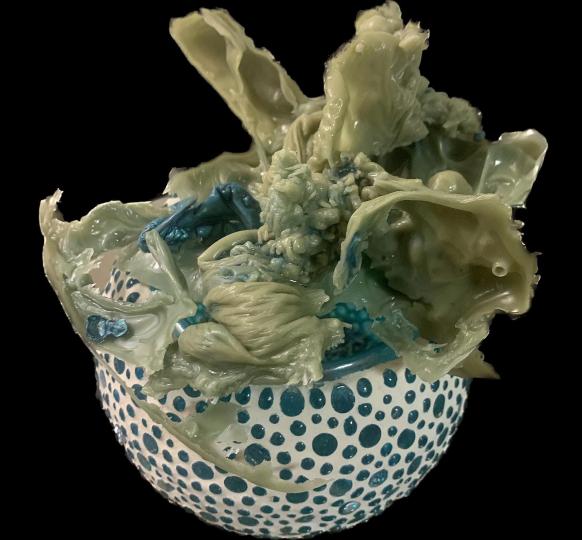
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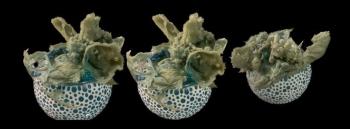
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Namora: the vivacious female warrior from the mystic underwater realm of Talokan

Nature Aviary Medicinal Oxygenated Relic Amorphous

"Yemanja"

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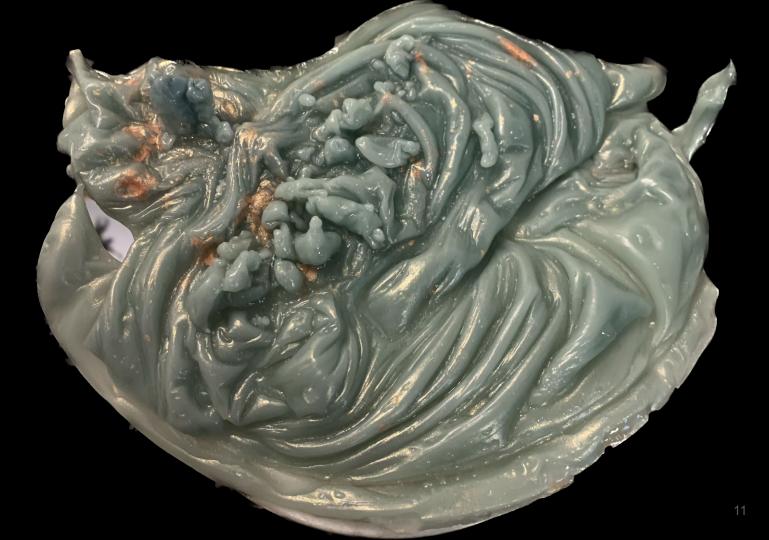
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Yemanja: mother of all Orishas, the patron spirit of rivers and oceans in the Yoruba religion

Younglings Elixir Mother Aqueous Nurturing Jaded Altogether

"Chang'e"

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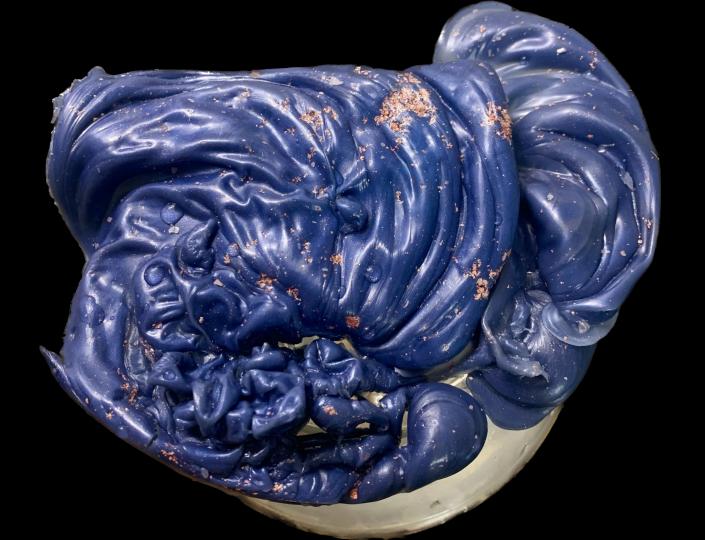
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Chang'e: the Chinese goddess of the Moon that overlooks the people and the waters from above

Celestial Heat

Anomaly

Nourish

Grow

Enigma

Water &

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vintage



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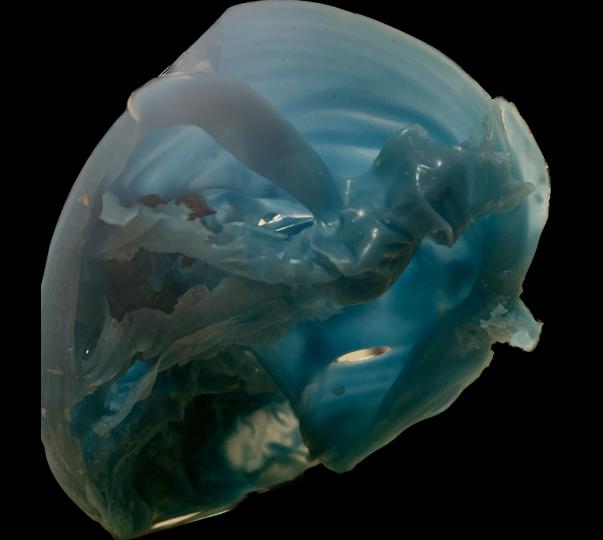
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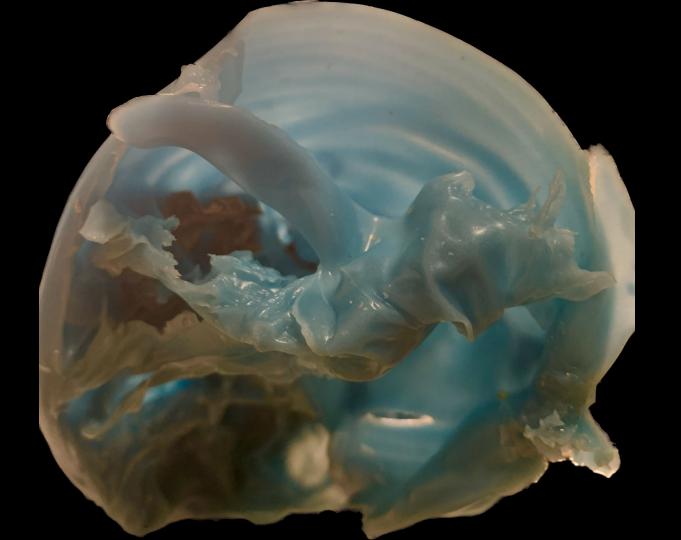
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Siren: a Greek mythological sea creature of alluring, deadly music and song to wayward sailors

Seduction Innate Reef Eidetic Nautical

"Minerva"

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Hand-Molded

Reeswax

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Minerva: the virgin Roman goddess of wisdom, poetry, medicine, and the crafts

Metabolic Integral Narcissism Energy Regenerative Vital Artist

"Eos"

Water &

Hand-Molded

Reesway

Sculpture

(displayed on

vintage



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Hand-Molded

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"Eos"

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Beeswax

Sculpture

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Eos: the Greek goddess and personification of the dawn, who rose each morning from her home at the edge of the river

Erudite Orgasmic Soliloquy

"Wildflower"

Water &

Hand-Molded

Beeswax

Sculpture

(displayed on

vintage

wood







(displayed on

vintage

Wildflower

The pungent bloom of an uncultivated variety
Nurtured through nature yet salient in strength
Growing freely within a sculpted society
The obelisks of bio-inspired faith
Our embedded wonders of the natural world
As though life flourishes without intervention
Delicate gems biding through the observed
The most sacred ripes with pure intention

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Alive

Being alive is not the panacea for living But what if being alive meant being in pain? Perhaps there is a solitude in simply being Stemming for the drive to live yet another day

If there is some solace in the constant giving Projections from wounds half-healed away Fantasizing between mental living The acrimonies of a brain in hearsay

Colors of social norms built-in paradigm The insanities of bare subsistence Melting away only to freeze stolen time As though being alive is mere existence

"Journey"

Water &

Hand-Molded

Reeswax

Sculpture

(displayed on

vintage

pottery)



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Journey

If adventures were a raindrop than journeys are the sea Yet if it called my name, there is nothing I can answer in return If paradoxes became paragraphs, and the present became history Then what are the future lessons that I am supposed to learn?

If resilience was armor and ambition the sword Then why is sacrifice the bullet rather than the shield If prayers go unanswered as if whispers became holy word Then what is the negation for those that yearn to heal?

Perhaps the magic in living is not the fiction tales we partake But the small minor actions that one can be brave enough to make If humble murmurs and mutters can shape a biased world Then through the presence of candor may new paths be heard

"Sublime"

Acrylic Painting



Sublime

What if the past was not just the past?

For my greatest fear is that the beautiful are not meant to last

The connections could have been just imagined memory

Yet the feelings it brought forth are merely a day away

Unfounded, sublime, my mind warped in history

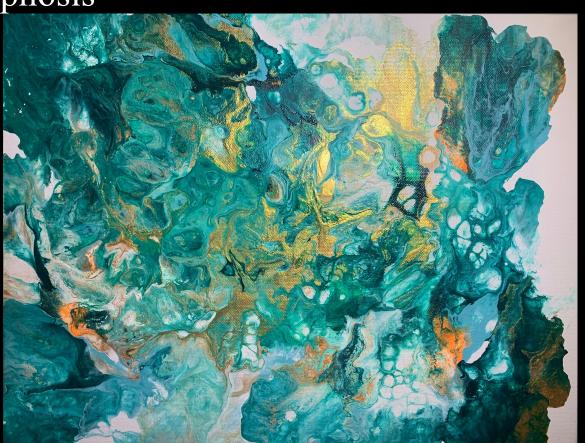
Wishing that love was still here today

"Sensory: A Collection of Fluid Acrylics" - 2020

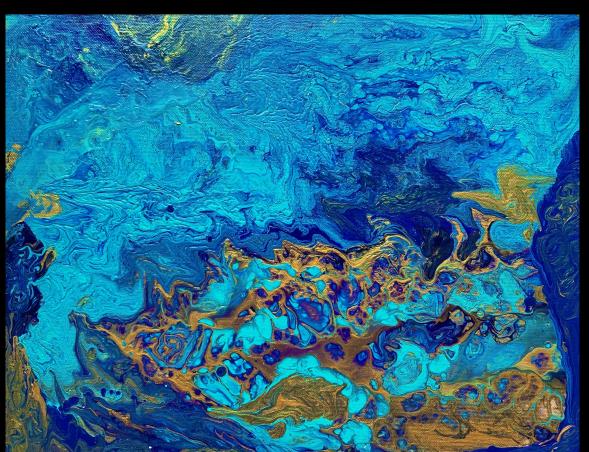
I came into 'art' as an observer to how difficult intangibles - such as emotionality, pain, joy, euphoria - could be made into tangible pieces of visuals. Painting specifically was mainly a self-instructed practice for me, made outside of the fine formal studio and instead, a private meditative practice that I took on. This was crucial for my mental health as each painting was a token captured in a psychological pigment of time. Each piece became a conduit for channeling difficult, intimate moments into pieces of subjective beauty and landscapes.

Sensory: relating to sensation or the physical senses; transmitted or perceived by the senses.

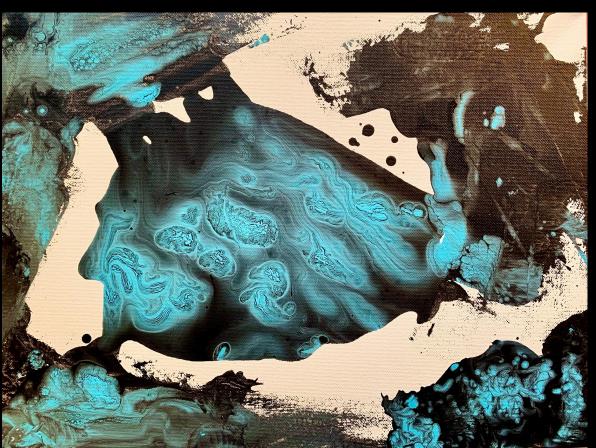
"Metamorphosis"



"Change"



"Hollow"



"Breathe"



"Complex"



"Kairos"



"Islands"



"Meridian"

12" x 9"



"Meridian"

Meridian dances lightly between both abstract form as well as the portrayal of the realistic imaginary. It can infer of the constant longitude that passes through a given place on the earth's surface or perhaps the set of pathways from which vital energy is said to flow within the body. For me, this painting meant a minimalistic, yet complex approach to the balance of heat, cold, life, and the unknown.

"Halcyon"



"Halcyon"

The word 'halcyon' refers to a period of time in the past that was idyllically happy or peaceful. This painting captures the memories, or more specifically, how I feel when I recall the soft waves, sun kissed earth, endless time - my best parts of childhood.

"Clashings of Art, Culture, and Technology in a Digital

Anthropological World"

2018

Clashings Description

My research and artistry are focused on analyzing and synthesizing technology-inspired-culture and culture-inspired-technology. Academically, I explore and answer the sociological questions that inevitably arise when technology and culture overlap. I showcase my digital hypotheses and analyzations through kinetic art and original film, such as creating alternative universes that are in fact, reflections and critiques of modern society. Here, I engage audiences in intellectual conversations regarding the increasingly digital presence in our lives through new forms of media. In doing so, the synthesis of human-computer interactions will serve as an analytical framework to better understand our own human behavior. Moreover, I aim to continuously study modern digital interfaces in the hopes of one day transforming the way in which it is both designed and perceived. Therefore, it was with these objectives in mind that I set out to create my thesis "Clashings of Art, Culture, and Technology in a Digital Anthropological World".

"Connection" A Conceptual Short Film + Installation

For full video click here: https://vimeo.com/308660312

Finished: December 2018. Duration: 10 mins 39 seconds



What is the role of self-medication?

An original short film that critiques the role of therapy and self-medication through the framework of bioengineered pills that induce apathy. This is the first film in the series that is focused on a non-digital piece of technology. Therefore, in order to expand the artist's own creative pallet as well as push the psychological landscapes of the audience, "Connection" is zoned in on one of the most commonly used yet seemingly 'invisible' technologies found with the taboo-ed fabrics of modern American society.





"Body" A Video Installation Piece

Finished: November 2018. Duration: 1 minute 30 seconds (each video)



"Body" A Video Installation Piece

Finished: November 2018.

For full video click here: https://youtu.be/xhbgybuwEkI



The head is literally, one of the smallest body parts but figuratively considered the largest in both functionality and impact. Here, its digital presentation represents the influx and domination of technology in contemporary culture (or "heads") as well as its dominance over the rest of the body. The digitized hands also relate to how physicality is shaped by technology- from the digitization of human physical experiences to the disappearance of manual labor. Moreover, « Body » speaks in regards to how digital art has revolutionized the representation of human bodies. All three videos played simultaneously on individual ipads while lying adjacently on the ground.





"Voices" A Conceptual Short Film

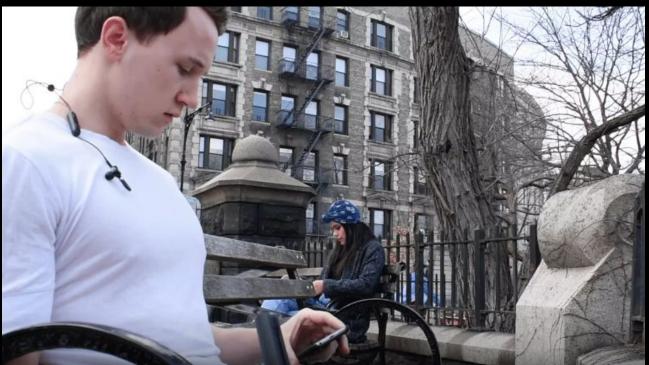
For full video click here: https://vimeo.com/278542139

Finished: May 2018. Duration: 9 minutes 8 seconds



How important is transparency to you?

An original short film that critiques the nature of internal transparency within society through the lens of a fictionalized world that mandates its citizens to wear telepathic brain microchips.



"Cracked" An Installation Piece with Video Projection onto Sculpture



"Cracked" An Installation Piece with Video Projection

onto Sculpture

Finished: March 2018 Video:

10 Minutes

An installation that combined the projection

of an original video featuring a female

model onto hand molded plaster sculpture

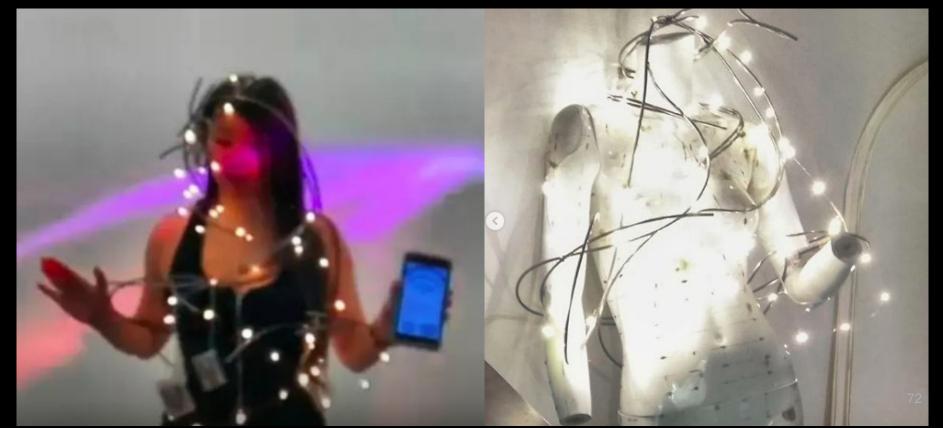
glued into a wooden board with nails to

critique the multi-facets of femininity.

https://youtu.be/d1yHvohXAPQ



"Human Wifi" A Kinetic Sculpture with Video Projection, and Performance Art



"Human Wifi" A Kinetic Sculpture with Video Projection, and Performance Art

Finished: May 2018.

A live installation piece that critiqued modern society through the performance and utilization of an original hand welded kinetic metal prosthesis. The creation of "a wifi suit" as a prosthetic is directed towards the excess usage of the internet



That one would want to be their own wifi signal.

"Remember" A Conceptual Short Film

For full video click here: https://vimeo.com/278541810

Finished: January 2018. Duration: 7 minutes 44 seconds





What if the moments you remember are different from reality?

An original short film concerning the subjective role of memory through the apparatus of glasses that record and playback every one of life's moments.

