



Leanna Ross, Grasshopper

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Artist Statement

I always found incorporating colors to be both one of the most thrilling, fun aspects of art, and also one of the most complicated. In this piece, I wanted to show a contrast between bright and gloomy colors, and the portrayal of good and evil. The dominant theme of this piece is the consequences behind corrupt and enticing offers. The bright red apple, meant to represent desire, and the dull skeletal hand holding it, desire's consequences, contrast in color to show the deathly truths behind false promises. I created this piece with thoughts of society's offers for women and how easily fake happiness can be sold.

Teacher's Guidance

Mrs. Kies has been an inspiration to me ever since I started high school and began taking art classes. She has pushed me to challenge myself, try new things, and has been crucial in my growth as an artist. Mrs. Kies encourages her students to pursue their creative liberties and to construct pieces based on their passions and interests. She never stops looking for opportunities for her students and is highly reliable when they have questions or need advice. Before taking Mrs. Kies' classes, I often felt insecure about my choices and creative freedoms. Since then, it has been easier for me to gain motivation and create pieces I feel strongly about without second-guessing my ideas or thoughts. Her classes have also enabled me to learn more about different techniques, mediums, and creative thinking methods. I couldn't have asked for a more helpful, creative, and encouraging teacher.