



## **Mari Mayo**, Grasshopper

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Horseheads High School, NY.

### **Artist Statement- “Beautiful Intricacy”**

We often glaze over the finer details in life, deeming them as less important than the subject matter. I create with this in mind. My goal is to bring attention to the small details in a delicate and beautiful way that demands acknowledgement. In my work, emphasis lies in the delicate finesse of detail—every line, every stroke holds significance. The brightest highlight or a single dot in the background contributes more than you might think. I often use people as my subject matter, more often myself than not, because people can be incredibly expressive and complex, and this gives me freedom to highlight anything I wish.

### **Working with Mr. Bell as an Instructor**

Mr. Bell has been my art teacher for countless of years and has helped me grow as an artist throughout these years immensely. He has encouraged me to create and trust myself when it comes to making artistic decisions and helped get me into digital art. I had always looked up to him, in intermediate school I would stare in admiration at his digital piece he was working on that week. This was a major inspiration for me to begin creating digital art in the first place, which now is one of my absolute favorite mediums. Every class I have taken of his, I have learned and grown as a person and artist because of his unwavering support.