



# Allyson Rockwell, Grasshopper

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## Artist Statement

Art has been my most enjoyable subject during my school years at Athens. I have been very fortunate to have Dr. Wales as my teacher for much of my elementary education, as well as in high school. He is very passionate about his job and has always seen potential in every student, no matter what artistic style they favor. If it were not for him, I would be unaware of the various art show opportunities for students. He has always provided encouragement to enter my pieces, along with advice, especially if I was feeling unsure about my work. With his guidance, I feel that I have branched out and begun to take more risks. I have also noticeably improved as an artist overall, after having Dr. Wales as a teacher. I am sad to leave my fun art classes behind, but at least I have great memories to look back on. Dr. Wales is an excellent art teacher and artist, and I feel honored to be selected for the Master and Grasshopper art show. I plan to further my art education at Shippensburg University, where I will major in marketing and design. Art will always be a part of my life and will continue to inspire me in the future.

I have recently pursued an interest in digital design since purchasing my first iPad last year. I have found digital art to be both natural and enjoyable to me. This piece that Dr. Wales has selected for the Master and Grasshopper art show is called, "Sunday Stroll". It is a remix of the classical painting, "Paris Street; Rainy Day", by Gustave Caillebotte. Instead of having people strolling the streets of Paris, I turned them into whimsical frogs. Each detail was drawn and blended by hand, and I am very happy with the outcome. I tend to incorporate realism into most of my art projects, so this was a way of branching out for me. I have always wanted to design something whimsical and out of the ordinary, and this piece embodies that for sure.