

ART PORTFOLIO

Sophia
Zhang



Introduction

About me

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My name is Sophia Zhang, and I've been creating art in various forms since childhood. Drawing has always been my creative outlet, allowing me to express my feelings, concerns, and, most importantly, my opinions. As I matured, so did my art, evolving to address more complex themes. In the following slides, I'll share the meanings behind my drawings and my beliefs.



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Lesley Ellis School fosters an environment of self-discovery, kindness and belonging through our engaging and challenging curriculum, as well as our anti-bias approach. Our students are inquisitive and inspired learners, prepared for every step of their educational journey.



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Project 1: The Last Hope for the Sea



The Last for the Sea illustrates a future where humans have contaminated the ocean to the point where sea life is nearly extinct. The last chance to save fish from disappearing forever may be machines developed by engineers and scientists. These machines, which resemble aquatic creatures, can detect and gather waste from the ocean and clean up the sea little by little. One girl's curiosities led her to learn and appreciate what these robots are doing to aid humankind's goal of constructing a more promising tomorrow.

Name: The Last Hope for the Sea

Media: Digital

Insight

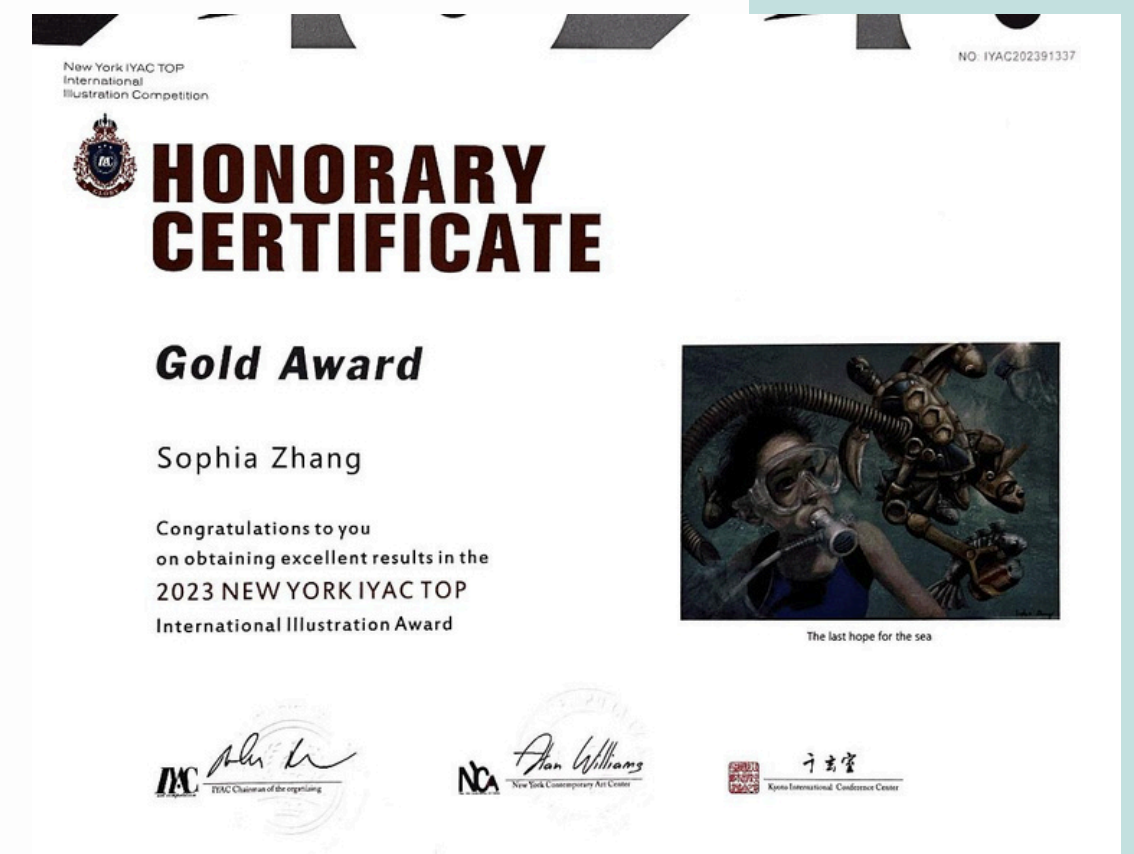
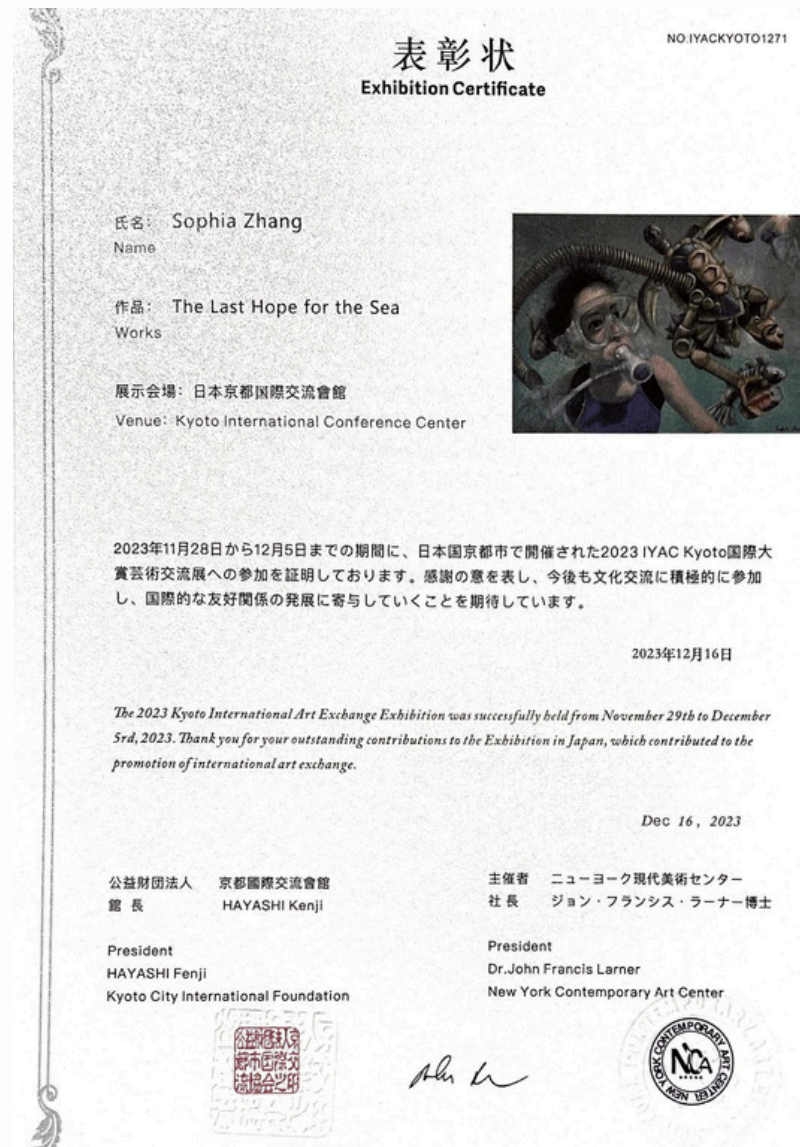
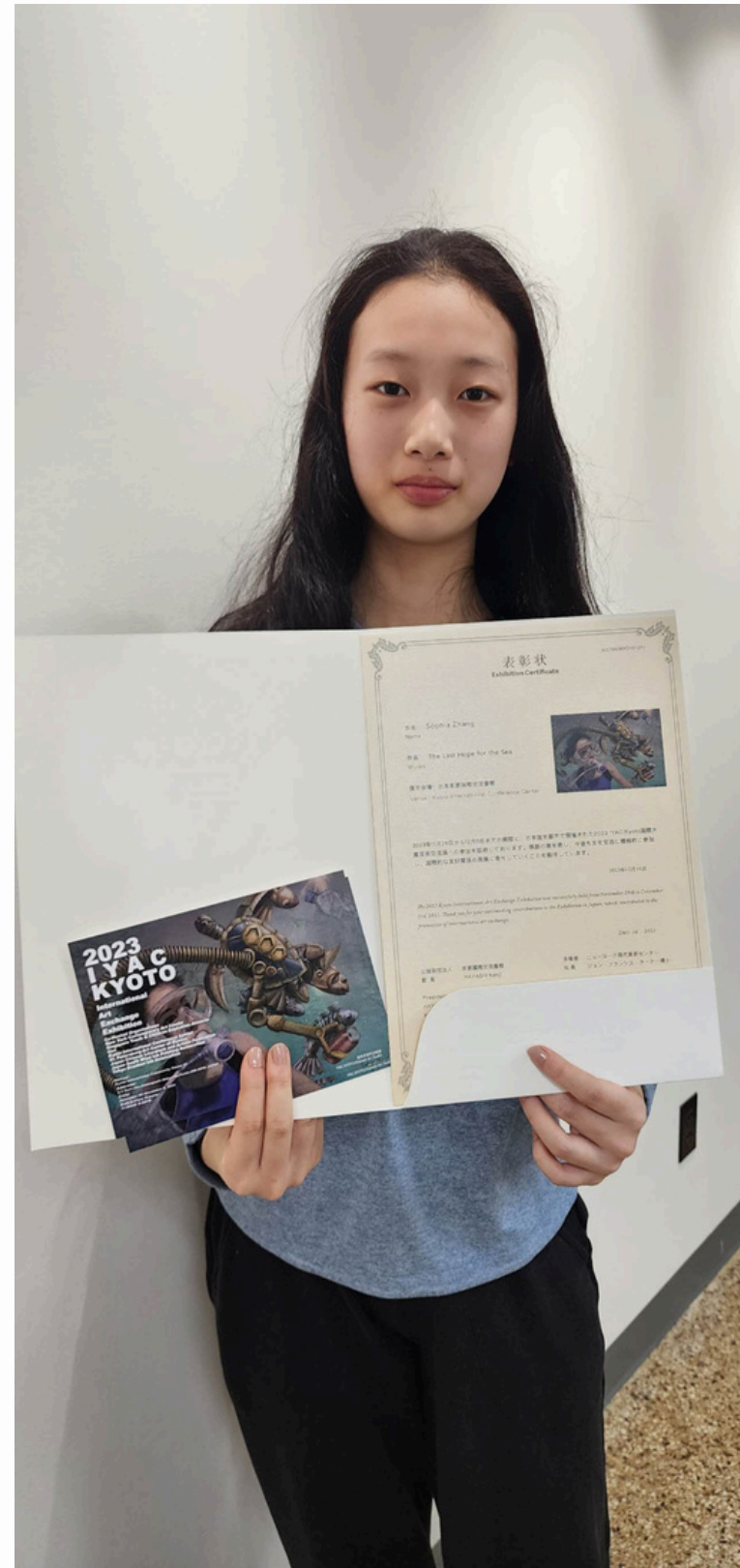


This artwork was inspired by my concerns regarding climate change and pollution, as well as my passion for robotics. I've worked with engineering for three years, building robots for the Vex V5 and IQ competitions. During these three years, I've improved not only my knowledge of problem-solving and engineering but also my social skills and ability to work under pressure.

Award List: The Last hope for the Sea

DATE	INSTITUTION	AWARD
2023	IYAC art competition	Gold Award+ Art Show
2024	Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards.	Gold Key + Art Show (Massachusetts)
2024	Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards.	Silver Medal (USA)
2024	Celebrating Art	Art Publication
2024	XC Art Center	Art Show

Award



The Last Hope for the Sea has won the gold key in the IYAC art competition and has been displayed in both New York and Kyoto.

Award



June 12, 2024

To: Sophia Zhang

Congratulations, you are now a 2024 Scholastic Awards National Winner!

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the nonprofit organization that presents the Scholastic Awards, is pleased to present you with the award(s) listed on your dashboard in recognition of this achievement.

More than 100,000 students entered nearly 340,000 original works of art and writing to the 2024 Scholastic Awards. Your work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Fewer than 2,500 works received a National Medal, which places you within the top 8% of all submissions!

Since 1923, the Awards have celebrated teen artists and writers from across the country. You are now part of that legacy, joining the ranks of notable alumni, including Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol—all of whom won Scholastic Awards when they were teens.

We are proud to publish your work in our Online Galleries at artandwriting.org. Your name will also be listed in Yearbook 2024, a companion to our annual art and writing anthologies featuring selections of works by National Medalists.

Once again, congratulations. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, our supporters, and our partners are honored to celebrate your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Wisniewski".

Christopher Wisniewski
Executive Director
Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

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March 29, 2024

Sophia Zhang

Dear Sophia,

Congratulations!

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University, in partnership with the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, is pleased to present you with the following 2024 Scholastic Art & Writing Award(s):

<u>Work Title</u>	<u>Awards (Category)</u>
The Last Hope for the Sea	Gold Key (Digital Art)

Your work(s) was reviewed and recognized by a panel of creative professionals, and awarded for its outstanding merit in originality, skill, and the emergence of your personal voice and vision.

Since 1923, the Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists and writers while they were teenagers, including Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Amanda Gorman, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol. We are proud to count you among these esteemed Scholastic Awards alumni!

Please carefully review the above award listing to ensure that the work, educator, and school information are all accurate. If you spot any errors, please contact us at artandwritingawards@tufts.edu. Be sure to provide your mailing address by navigating to your Regional Results page in the Scholastic Awards Portal, no later than April 05, 2024 so you can receive Awards materials.

Gold Key works have been automatically advanced to the national level of judging in New York City. National Medalists will be announced on June 12, 2024. Please log into your account at artandwriting.org after 12:00 pm on or after June 12, 2024 to find out the national results.

We wish you continued success in your creative endeavors. Congratulations again on your achievement in the 2024 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards!

Best regards,

Maureen Meyer

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, Massachusetts Art Region

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We are pleased to present this

Gold Key

TO

Sophia Zhang
The Last Hope for the Sea
Digital Art



We are pleased to present this

Silver Medal

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The Last Hope for the Sea
Digital Art

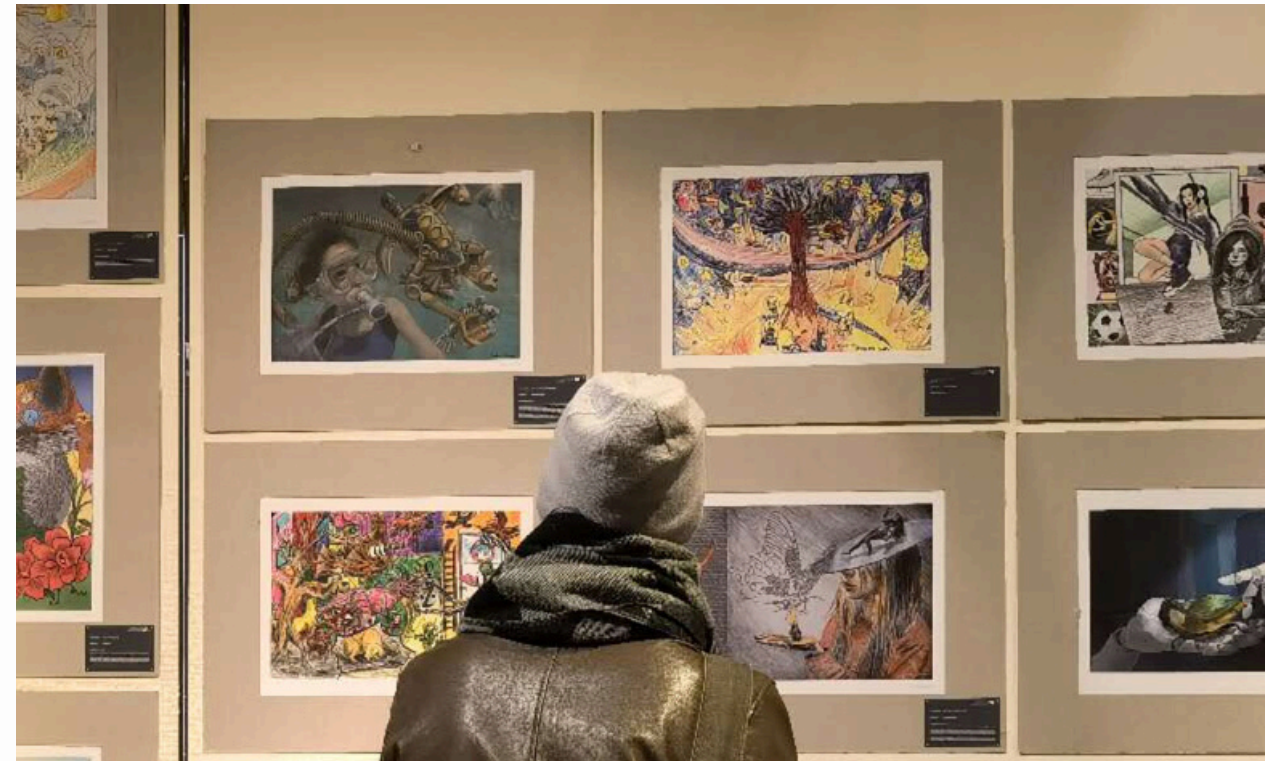


This piece has also been awarded a Gold Key and Silver Medal in the Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards.

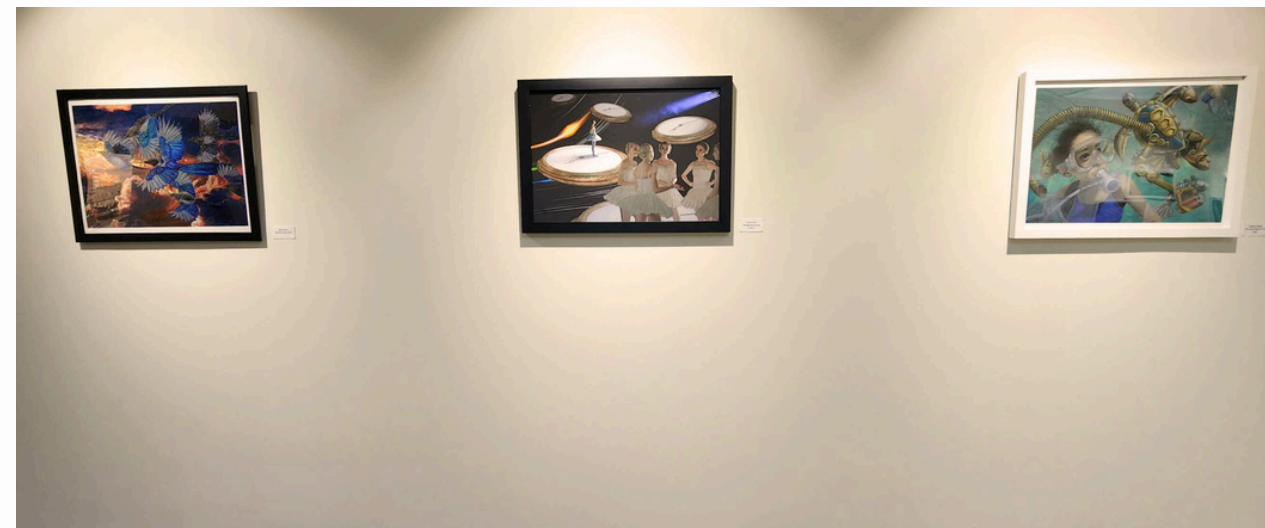
Art Show



The Last Hope for the Sea was displayed at the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

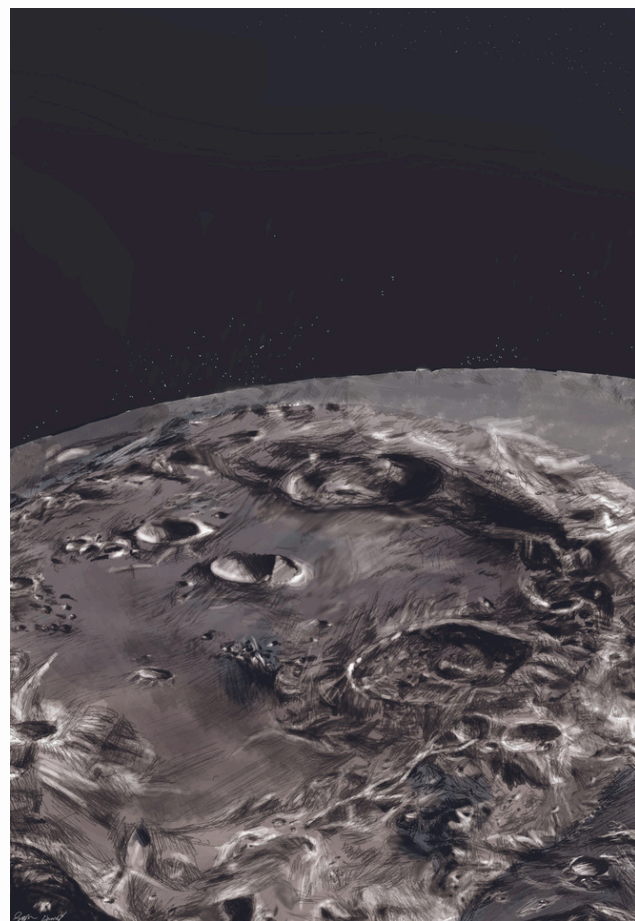


The Last Hope for the Sea was displayed at the IYAC Competition



The Last Hope for the Sea was displayed at the XC Art Center

Project 2: Building a Better Tomorrow



The artwork portrays a vision of peace for the future, showing multiple astronauts from various countries building structures and developing a civilization on the moon. This piece represents the spectacular things we could accomplish and create together should humanity collaborate and work towards a common goal.



Name: Building a Better Tomorrow Media: Digital

Insight



This astronaut is holding a blueprint of the dome being built in the background, representing the immense steps in innovation that humankind have accomplished in this peaceful future. The construction of this building is hopefully the start of many technological advances, including the construction of an entire civilization on the moon.



This peace sign glows from within the dome. The rays of this symbol portray the trust and bond between all the astronauts it shines on. All these people from around the world came together to push human capabilities. Only together, united, can we make the best future for all of us.

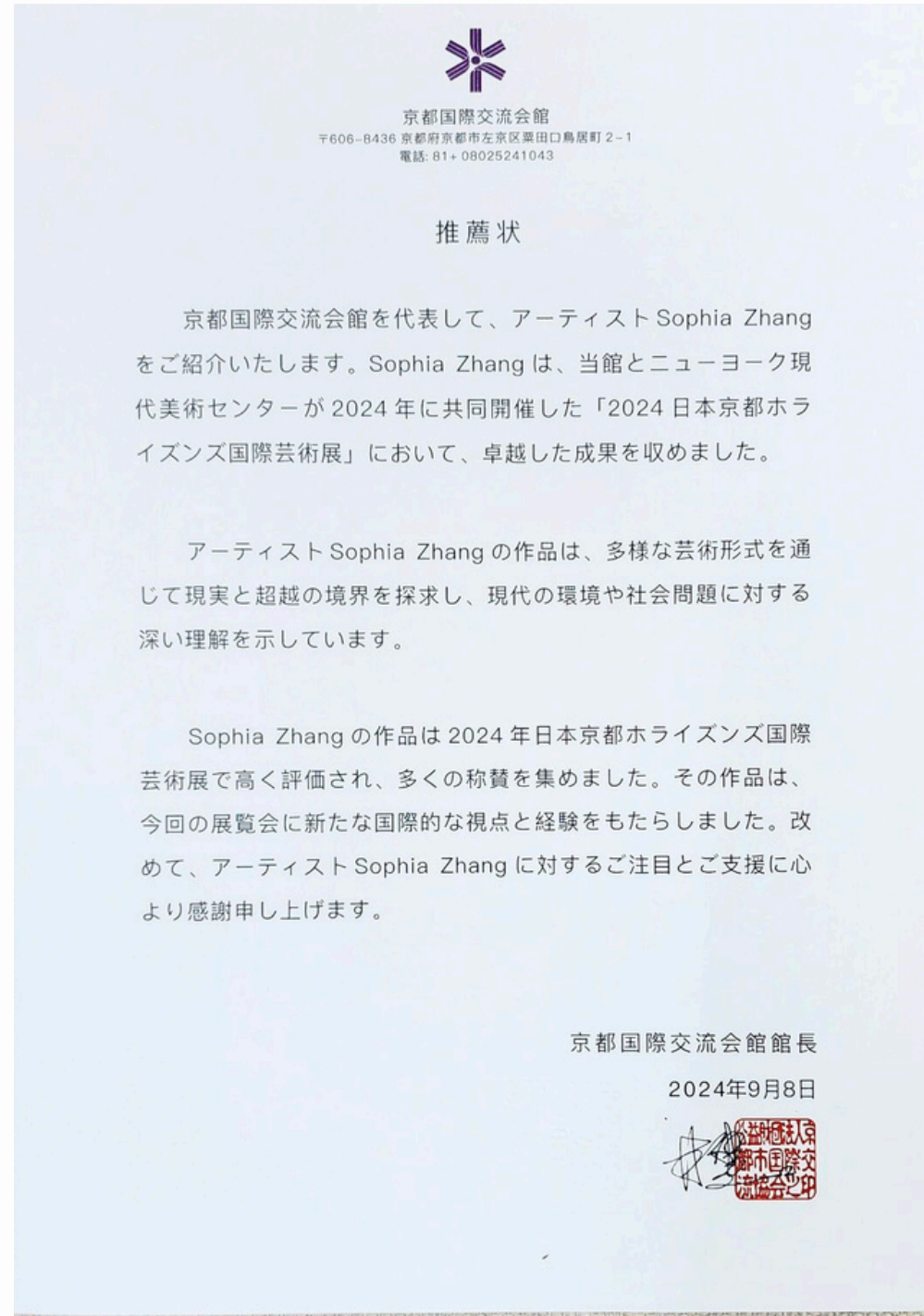


This is a projection of a broadcast from Earth detailing the events on the moon. The report covering the construction of the dome and the collaboration of multiple countries will hopefully bring excitement and encouragement to those watching this back on Earth.

Award



Gold Award from the OIYAC International Art Contest, along with a recommendation letter from OIYAC Japan and an exhibition certificate of recognition in 2024.



Art Publication



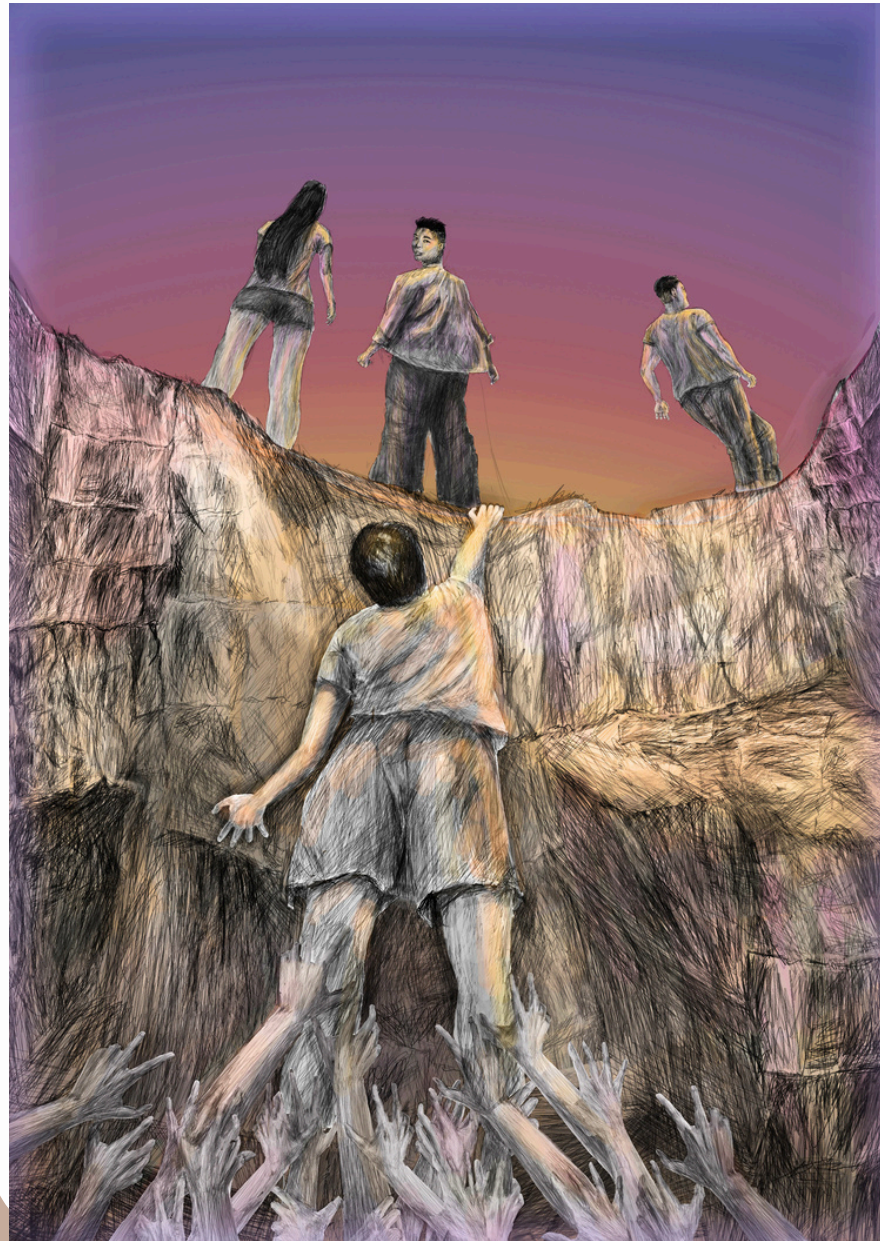
Celebrating Art Spring 2024 Contest

Art Show



The "World Peace" Art Show At Trade Center Woburn, Massachusetts USA, 2024. 09. 07

Project 3: THE SILENCE FROM THOSE WE ONCE TRUSTED



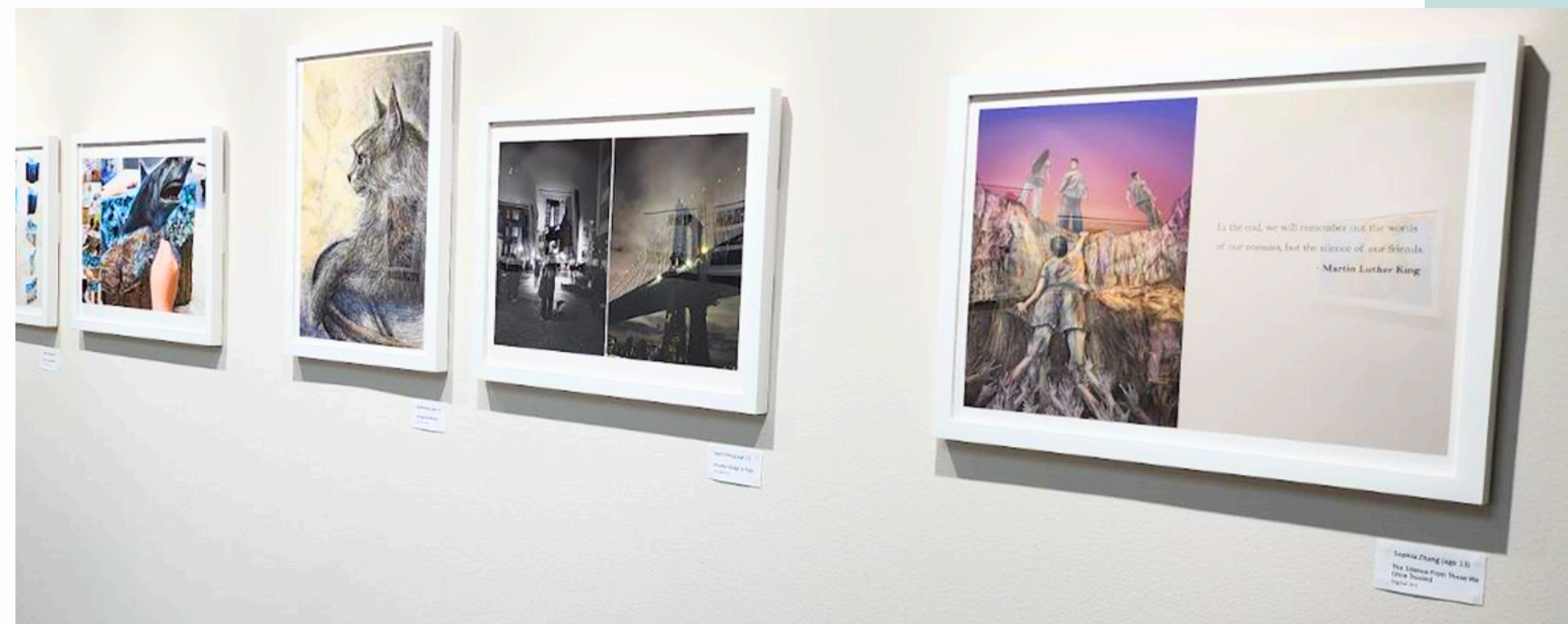
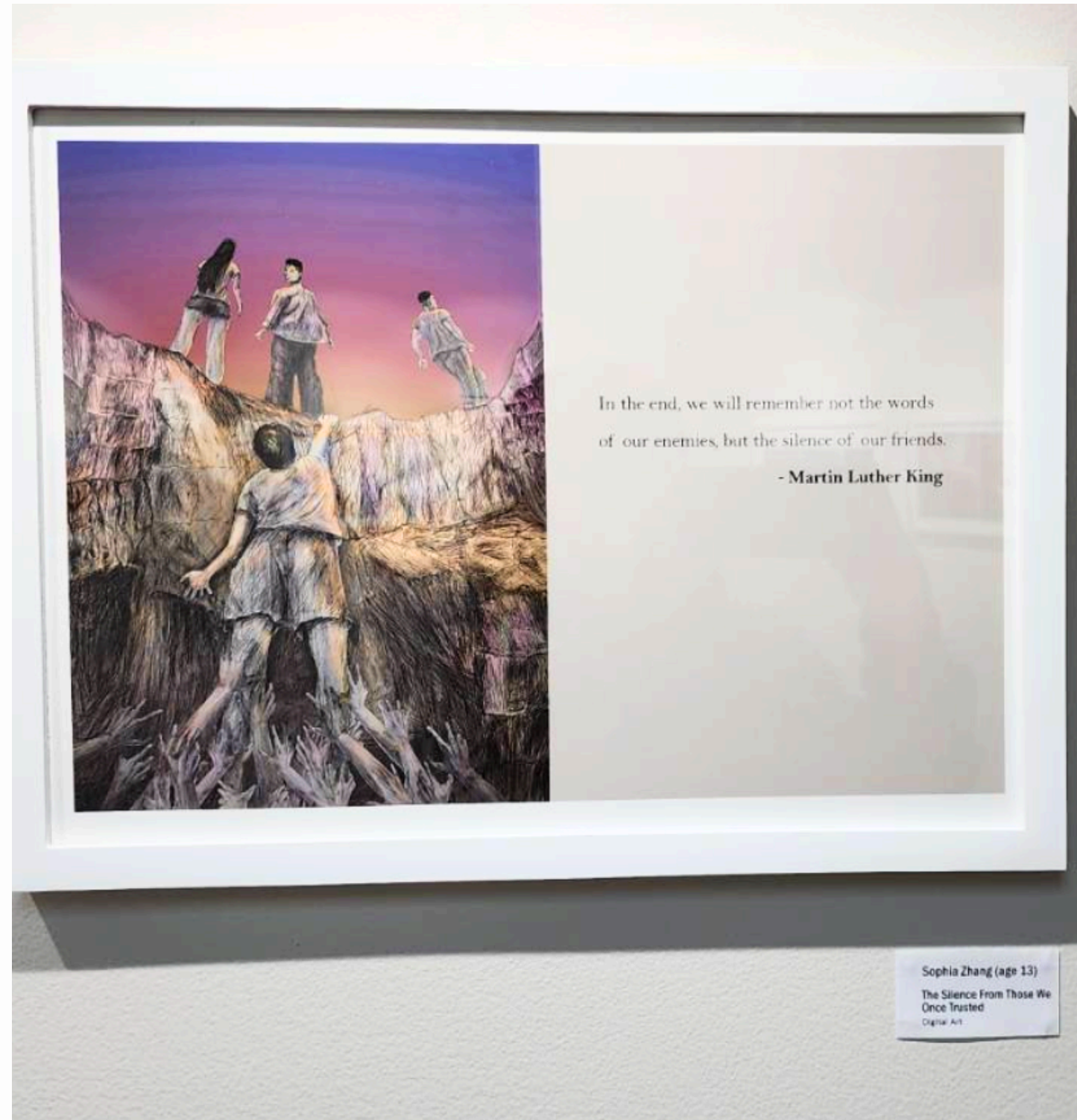
In the end, we will remember not the words
of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

- Martin Luther King

This piece is inspired by the quote, “In the end, we remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends,” by Martin Luther King Jr. While getting tricked, or hurt by an adversary is expected, getting abandoned by friends or family members comes as a complete shock and can invoke a feeling of betrayal opponents could never cause. The three people walking away from the cliff edge were previous friends of the man they were leaving behind. The sunset in the sky shows the waning hope this man has, as the sun dims. The hands pulling the person hanging off the cliff edge represent the many troubles and struggles that every human faces. While we tend to rely on trusted people around us during difficult times, if they should choose to turn away, the pain will be greater than any other feeling.

Name: The Silence from Those We Once Trusted Media: Digital

Art Show



The Silence from Those We Once Trusted was displayed at the XC Art Center, September 2024

Project 4: Birds of Flame



This sketch was my first months-long project. I first drew the phoenix head on a separate piece of paper, then cut it and glued it to a larger piece. This part of the drawing took the longest as I was still learning and experimenting on how to shade and create a realistic image. I repeated the process with the flying bird. For the background, I drew many circles and gradually shaded the edges. At this point, I felt the drawing was missing something so I decided to add a light shade of color.

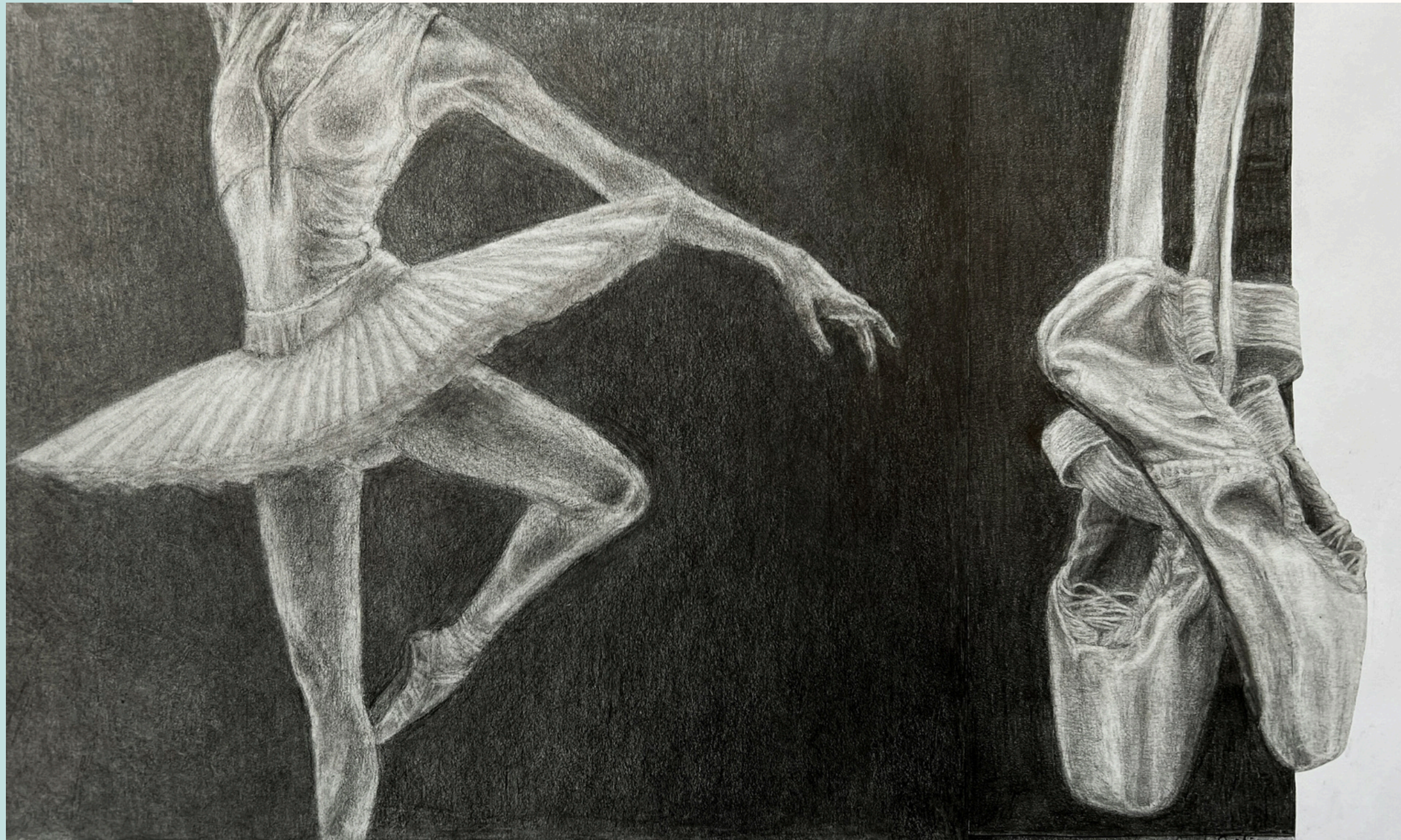
Name: Birds of Flame Media: Drawing

Art Publication



Celebrating Art Spring 2023 Contest

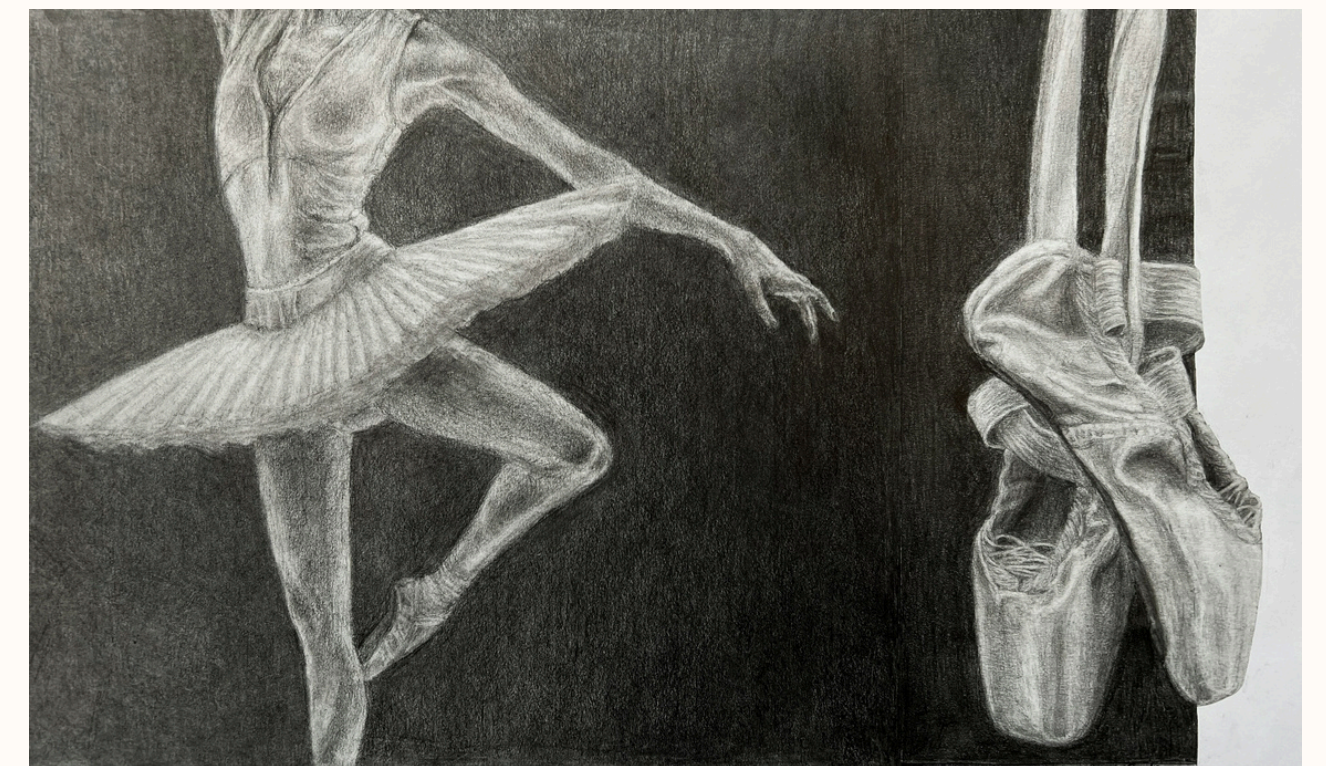
Project 5: Hardship of Dancing



For this piece, I wanted to share a bit about my experiences with dance, ballet in particular. I've always felt that most of the general public seemed to overlook all the effort it takes to make dancing effortless. Often it takes years of training and dedication to achieve such grace and elegance even when performing the most complex of movements. This is displayed in the pointe shoes that are worn out and old, representing all the time, tears, and devotion it took for the dancer on the left to dance like she can now.

Name: Hardship of Dancing Media: Drawing

Art Publication



Celebrating Art Summer 2023 Contest

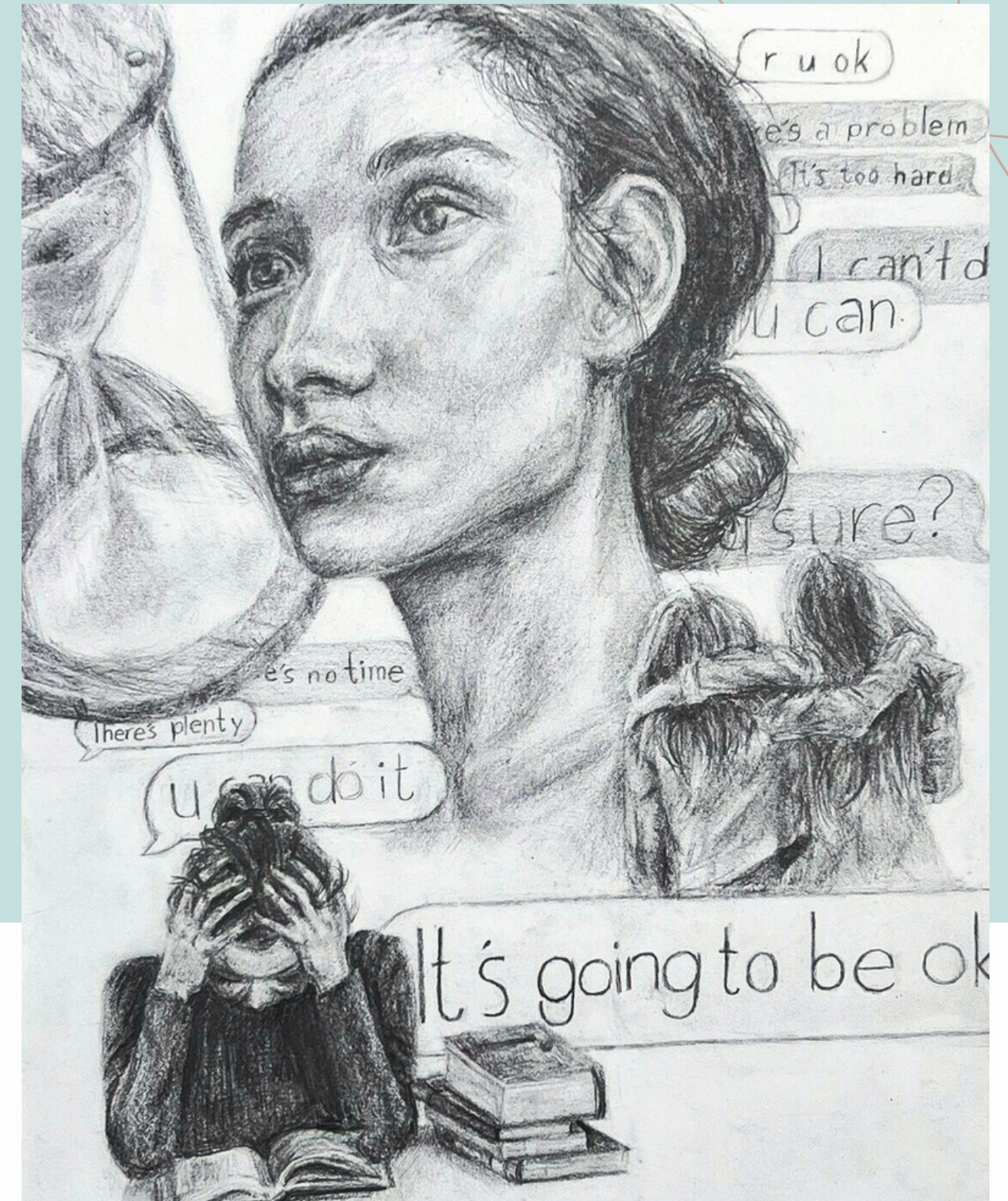
Insight



I've been dancing since the age of 5, and have treasured this form of art for my entire life. While there have been many challenges and hardships I have needed to overcome, the joy of performing on stage in front of an audience washes all my worries away. For me, dance is a way of staying fit, expressing my feelings through movement, and a form of relieving any stress or concerns from the day.

Project 6: The Struggles of a Student

I wanted to show all the worries and problems many students face. While most individuals often hide and conceal their problems behind a calm facade much like the girl in the center, everyone has anxieties about a variety of topics. In this piece, I chose to show the stresses of school, from studying to lack of time. However, this girl has a close friend there to comfort her in this tough time, helping her make it through this rough patch.



Name: The Struggles of a Student Media: Drawing

THANK YOU

