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Emily Gonnering

2023 Senior Art Exhibition Portfolio

Artist Statement

I am an avid journal keeper. I write down everything in my life that I know I'll want to remember down the road: hopes, dreams, loves, losses. I write them and reread them so I can learn more about who I am and reflect on my character. I am now giving you a look inside my head. These paintings are quotes from my journals titled with the exact words I've written at those times. This is what has happened to me, what has inspired me, what has hurt me, and how I feel.

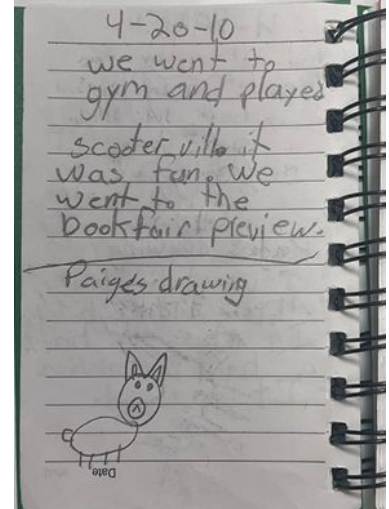
To make these paintings, I thought about what each quote would look like in visual form. The paintings needed to be loose and dream-like symbolizing the idea of memory. Most of the paintings have figures in them because people have the most impact on my life. They give me experiences and show me new ways to think. Each painting is my point of view in a pastime haze. In order to achieve this, I used a lot of water. There are many layers in my painting process. The feeling the memory evokes influences the choices I make while painting. Some colors have been applied with my hand and some with the smallest paintbrush in my collection. I'm not only building momentum on a project with these layers, but I'm hinting at all the conversations, emotions, and written words that go into each situation.



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Tuesday April 20th, 2010
"We went to gym and played
scooterville. It was fun."
Acrylic on canvas

24"x36"

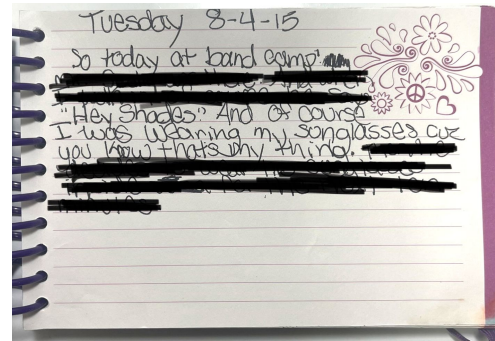




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Tuesday August 4th, 2015
“And of course I was wearing my sunglasses cuz you know that’s my thing.”
Acrylic on canvas

30”x40”



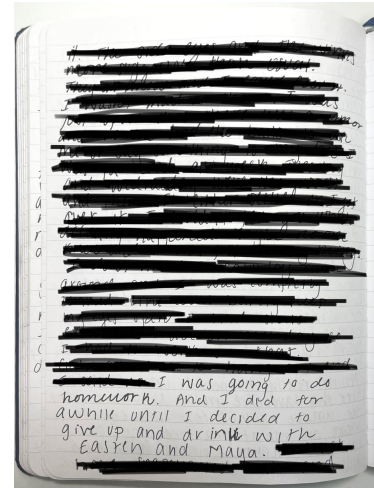


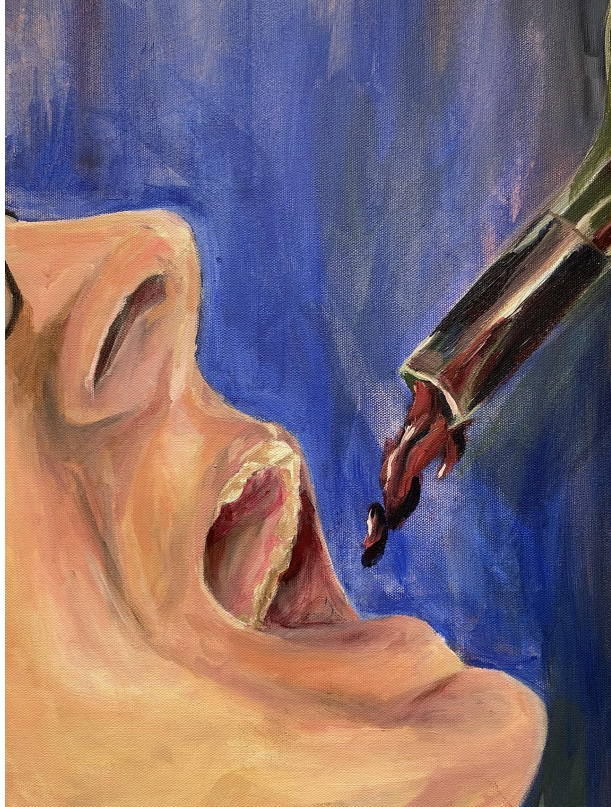
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Monday May 17th, 2021 "I was going to do homework. And I did for awhile until I decided to give up and drink with Easten and Maya."

Acrylic on canvas

48"x60"





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Monday May 17th, 2021 “I was going to do homework. And I did for awhile until I decided to give up and drink with Easten and Maya.” (Detail shots)
Acrylic on canvas

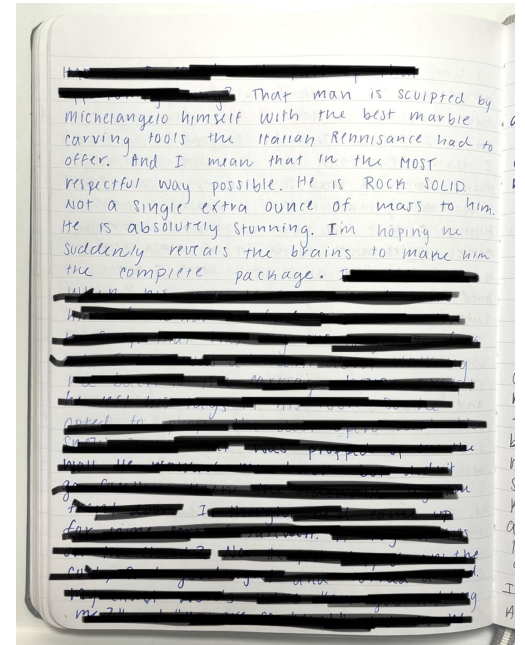


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Sunday February 20th, 2022 "I'm hoping he suddenly reveals the brains to make him the complete package."

Acrylic on canvas

48"x36"





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Acrylic on canvas



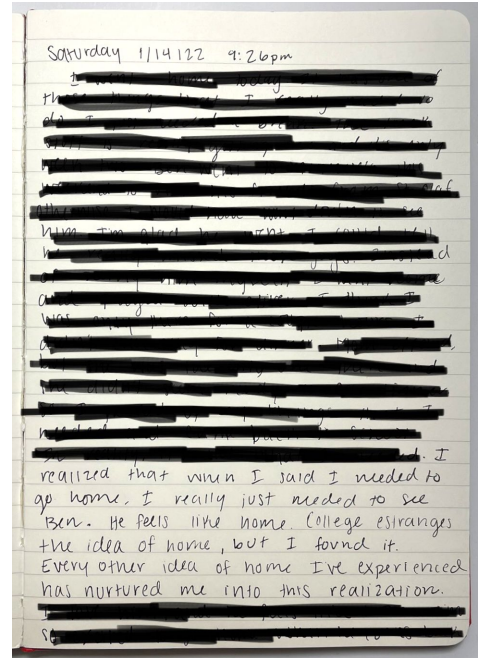


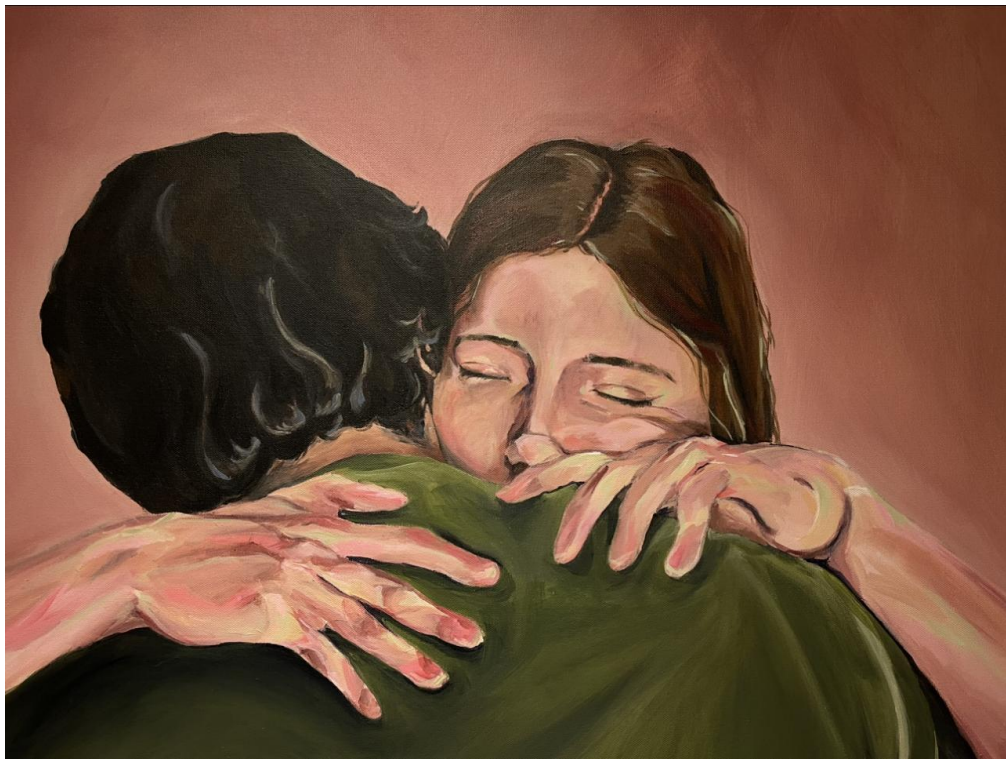
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Saturday January 14th, 2023 "I realized that when I said I needed to go home, I really just needed to see Ben. He feels like home."

Acrylic on canvas

48"x48"





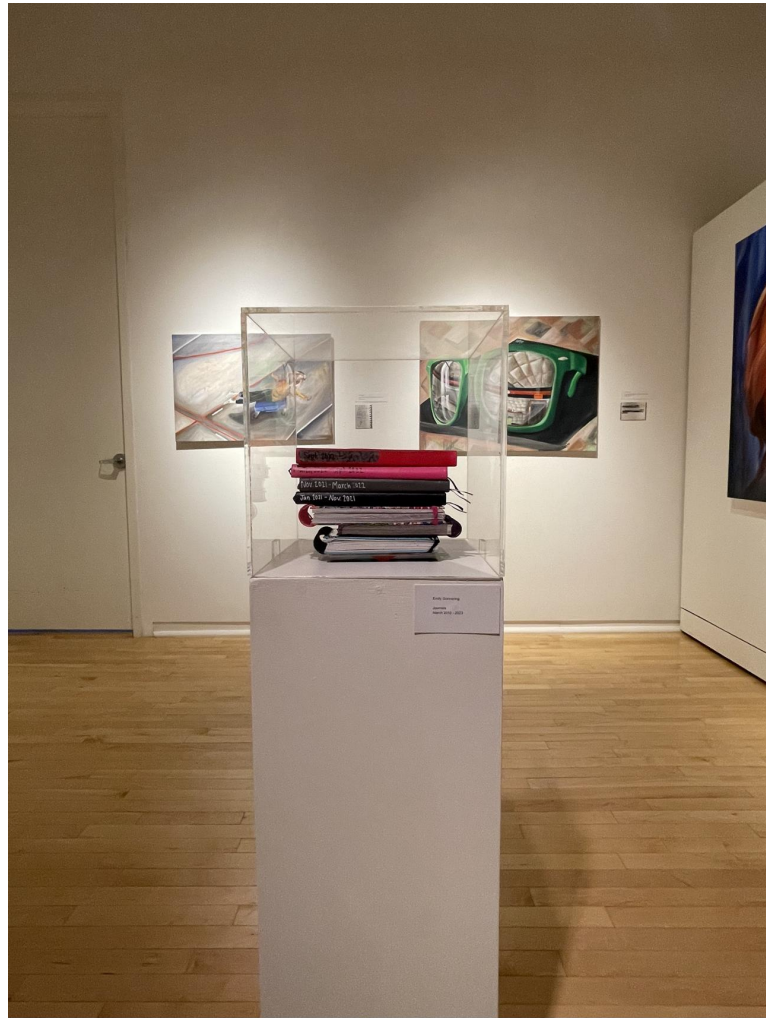
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Saturday January 14th, 2023 "I realized that when I said I needed to go home, I really just needed to see Ben. He feels like home." (Detail shot)

Acrylic on canvas

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Journals March 2010-Present









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Informational text label for the painting on the right.



