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### ***Collective Morning***

November 11-18, 2022

### **Closing Reception**

When: Thursday, November 17, 2022, 4:30–6:00 PM

Where: Gallery 130, Meek Hall

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### **Introduce yourself and tell us where you are from.**

My name is Abigale Mallery and I am a painter. I was born in Memphis, TN but I have moved a bit around Tennessee and I lived in Texas for a while.

### **What attracted you to the Department of Art & Art History?**

I always had a natural love for art but once I was in the department and I started creating I knew this was my place and I changed my major to fine art.

### **What type of artwork do you create?**

I am a painter, I especially enjoy working with oil paint to layer thick and make interesting textures and I like to use figures as my focal points.

### **Could you explain your process?**

I have an initial idea and I sketch and evolve that idea along with a color palette. I keep that first sketch and color palette (which I use paint swatch cards for) by my panel or canvas as I paint. Once I have a beginning painting I adjust the details as I see fit. I also find it to be really important to have another person weigh in because they may notice something I don't. Most importantly I try not to become too attached to that initial piece because I always want what I paint to see its full potential, I try to never declare anything completely done.



**Which artists do you look to for inspiration?**

As far as the “old masters” I love Degas, Hopper, and Van Gogh. As far as contemporary painters I often look at Margaret Bowland, Odd Nerdrum, and Lily-Rose Burgess.

**Which professors inspired you the most?**

[Philip Jackson](#), [Kariann Fuqua](#), and [Brooke Alexander](#) have been my pillars. They have helped me in a million ways and I can honestly say that it is because of them that I can paint and create the way I do.

**What has been your favorite class during your years here?**

Honestly, all of the sculpture classes were from beginning to advanced. The processes are so fun and the sculpture area has such a good vibe.

**Could you describe a favorite memory here in the department?**

When I was painting with coffee in my figure drawing class. It was a crisp Autumn afternoon and the smell of coffee was perfect.

**Do you have any advice for incoming art students?**

Take all the advice you are given and don't be afraid of changing your ideas around.

**What type of music do you listen to while you create art?**

I don't actually listen to music while I work, instead, I listen to TV series because I like to hear people talking. I have watched mostly Gilmore Girls and Supernatural.

**What are you binge-watching while being a couch potato?**

Tik-Toks

**Do you have any hobbies outside of the art department?**

I really enjoy baking and cooking.

**What is your favorite thing about Oxford or the University?**

I love that there is always something interesting and fun going on at the University.

**What is your favorite restaurant in Oxford?**

Ajax Diner.

**Can we find you on social media?**

Yes, on Instagram [@abigalemalleryart](https://www.instagram.com/abigalemalleryart).



**Do you have any plans after graduation?**

Yes, rest and relax, road trip around the country with my husband, and keep painting. After that, I will be looking for a graduate school.