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Night and Day

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Medium: Water Color and Ink

Artist Statement

Art means a lot to me. It's how I convey emotion and express ideas that are hard to convey through words. Some of my favorite themes to convey involve mental health, as it's a very impactful topic that can be captured in a wide variety of ways. I love capturing details and realism.

When creating art I gravitate towards graphite and ink. They allow me to establish details and specificity in my art. Blending and shading are an essential part of my artistic process, and I spend a lot of time establishing those elements within my art. When working on a realistic piece I sketch out the rough proportions, then work in little sections all the way through to ensure that each area has similar texture and the same amount of detail and depth. If I choose to add color I'll typically use watercolor or colored pencil, although I don't often gravitate toward color.

This piece specifically, "Night and Day", was created to depict different aspects of depression. A serotonin molecule encases a lion and a wolf, each in different halves of the molecule. The wolf is howling at the moon, surrounded by a cool toned water color background. This is to display the hard times, when hope can be hard to find. The lion is standing in front of a sunrise, symbolizing strength and peace at the end of a difficult night. With both of these aspects combined in one piece one can see that life isn't always easy, but there is always hope and pleasant times to look forward to.

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