



The Bridge

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Medium: Acrylic Paint

Artist Statement

This artwork was done as one of the last assignments with my former art teacher, who is also my dad. Through the years, inside and out of the classroom, he helped me to develop my skill and techniques as well as broaden the scale of my artistic experience. This assignment was the first of many where I had the opportunity to put these factors into a work of art for me rather than anyone else. I went with a medium I was most comfortable with, acrylic paint, and as for the canvas I chose to go a more dynamic route with a slim vertical appeal. I explore my use of color within general colors while keeping the painting overall cool toned. My inspiration for the painting was found while doing my daily social media run through. It was a video showing the gorgeous view of a river in Italy, from the lookout point of a bridge. Not only did its aesthetic speak to me but so did the location as I would be visiting Italy only a few months later. I used the video to set the scene and began painting demonstrating a variety of color and texture within each aspect of the painting. I will admit that nearing the deadline of this work, I began rushing things. Because of this I feel the need to adjust and retouch parts of the bridge that way it is not distracting from the overall intent and focus of the painting. I worked to create a desirable mood. I wanted people, including myself, to view the painting and aspire to visit such a place. A place where all worries are set free, and one can enjoy the little details of their surroundings. This is a feeling that I thrive for so I took it upon myself to portray it in this painting.

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