



Kayla Vining

## **Black Dahlia**

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**School:** Reardan High School

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**Medium:** Acrylic

### **Artist Statement**

Loosely inspired by the tragic murder of Elisabeth Short, nicknamed the “Black Dalia”, the flower and crow were used to communicate her passing. The rays of light imitate ties and constriction that burden the bird from flight. I used a more abstract/neutral background to draw attention to the centerpiece. I wanted to show the contrast of good and tragedy by the stark shadow and blinding light.

**Status:** Exhibit only