



The Bow

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Medium: Graphite on Paper

Artist Statement

When I made the Bow, I conveyed meaning mainly through movement since my drawing doesn't have any expressions to show emotion and it is fully without color. I wanted my viewer to feel a sense of surrealism when both thinking about and looking at my piece. An odd curious feeling and a certain strangeness when both thinking about and looking at my piece. I used movement and contrast to portray the uneasy feeling I wanted to when making this piece. The movement adds question because it is a doll moving on its own, and the stark contrast in the shadow adds drama. The emphasis on the shadows and the center figure of the doll also adds to this. To conceptualize my art piece, I first practiced drawing from reference photos of art dolls and simply drew them plainly, and after that I moved on to the sketching of the draft of my piece. I took inspiration from horror movies and themes for it. I pulled up references for my pose and clothing for my doll and went from there. I synthesized and used my personal experience by pulling from my imagination and my own experience with the emotions I was portraying and used them as inspiration.

Status: Exhibit only