Paws-ed

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Medium: Oil

Artist Statement

Paws-ed is an oil painting I created based on a photo we took while visiting Yellowstone National Park. As we were looking back on these photos of nature we had taken, I was impressed by the idea that photos, and similarly, paintings, are able to take a beautiful moment in time, pause them, and forever memorialize. I hoped to capture this idea as I painted a wolf, “paws-ed” in consideration. “Paws-ed” in reflection. “Paws-ed” in time. It’s next steps forward or backward, still to be determined, remind me of our society, specifically my generation, as we have faced, and continue to face a global pandemic. It seems we too have been paused in our timeline, frozen, in a stagnant state, trying to determine our next steps either forwards or backwards. Covid, has effectively done to our life what a canvas and a paintbrush have captured to the life of this endlessly frozen wolf. But unlike this painting, Covid will not forever pause our future, but rather, simply provide a turning point, forever to be remembered.

Description

An oil painting on a board of a wolf paused, reflecting mid-step in a stream bed.

Status: Exhibit only