

Audrey Brown & Michelle Lagasca

Audrey Brown, Teacher

My work has always followed my interest in narrative painting. My subject matter changes year to year, but usually tells a story. I think of my work as whimsical, but I suppose it hints at elements of a darker humor.

Prom Girls was painted in a series of works based on actual scenes from a San Leandro High School prom. The two girls were indeed wearing almost identical dresses, and in the far distance of the ballroom were the silhouettes of boys in formal wear. *Five Stern Dolls* is a deeply personal piece about my childhood. It too was part of a series, where children played in shadows, sometimes floating above their toys like Baroque angels, sometimes rising above stern female figures shown as toys.



Audrey Brown is an art teacher at San Leandro High School in San Leandro, California.

Michelle Lagasca, Student

These three pieces are part of a concentration of twelve works that deal with the most whimsical moments of my high-school career. They basically capture my friends and me doing what teenagers do best: turning mundane moments into memorable ones. I found inspiration in the fun, sometimes awkward feelings that these various



poses and facial expressions gave off. I just had to paint them.



Michelle Lagasca is a student at San Leandro High School in San Leandro, California.



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