

MASTER OF FINE ARTS
THESIS EXHIBITION
2024

MFA



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THE GALLERY AT THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

March 21–April 7
Opening reception: March 21, 6–8pm
School of Visual & Performing Arts, 2nd Floor
43 Lake Avenue Extension
Danbury, CT
Hours: Tues–Fri, noon–4pm
Sat–Sun, 1–4 pm
203-837-8403

BLUE MOUNTAIN GALLERY

June 18–July 6
Opening reception: June 20, 5–8pm
547 West 27 Street, Suite 200
New York, NY
Hours: Tues–Sat, 11–6pm
646-486-4730
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The School of Visual and Performing Arts
at Western Connecticut State University
is pleased to announce its candidates
for the 2024 Master of Fine Arts degree.

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LUCY GALLAGHER

TAYLOR GREEN

ANDREW MARK

WILLIAM JOHN PARROTT III

DENISE ROSA

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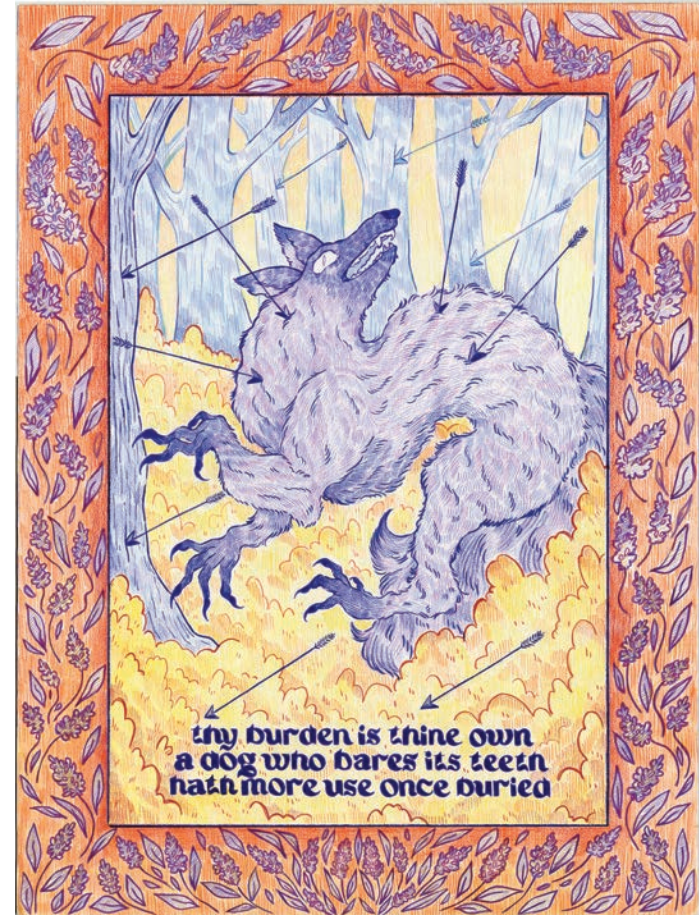
ABOUT THE MFA IN VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

The MFA program is comprised of two years of intensive, creative study and extensive interaction with resident faculty and visiting artists. Students select a concentration in painting, illustration, or interdisciplinary visual art. Workshops, professional internships, contemporary and historical research, and teaching assistantships are integral to the program. Each student has a private MFA studio in the university's Visual & Performing Arts Center, located one hour from New York City and surrounded by the landscapes of southern New England.

For more information about the program,
call 203-837-8403 or visit wcsu.edu/art/graduate



peel my skin off gently, please
and make me into soft vellum
to write your sheet music on



thy burden is thine own
a dog who bares its teeth
hath more use once buried



LUCY GALLAGHER

Opposite: *I am Lucy. I am all I've ever known and all I will ever be. I am more than my physical nature. I am an energy that will flow until I cease to exist. I am a subject, I am an imagination, I am a character that will be used in creation for a lifetime* | oil on canvas | 72 x 36 in.

Above: *Mother* | oil on canvas | 36 x 36 in.



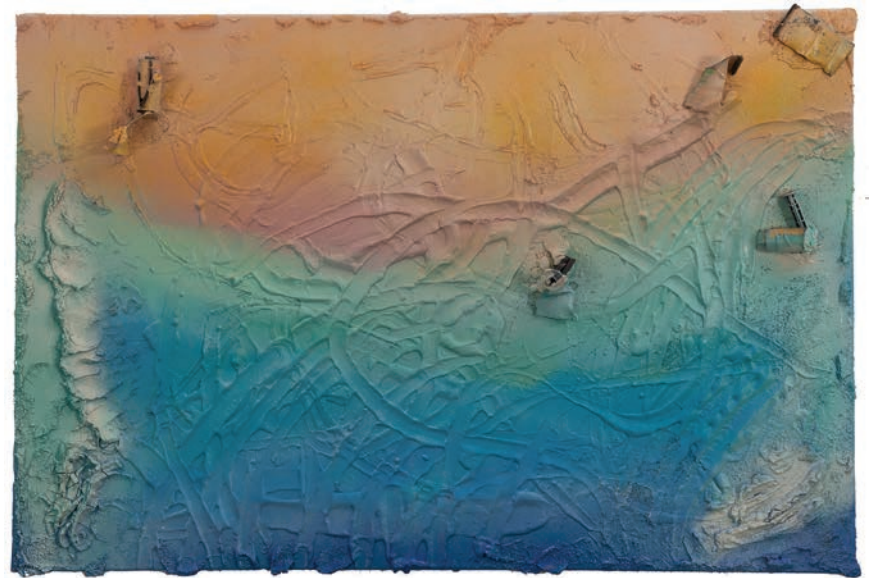
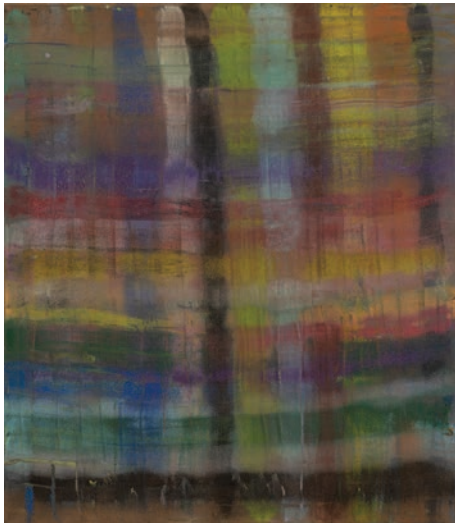
TAYLOR GREEN

Opposite: *Body Bags I* | oil on canvas | 48 x 48 in.
Above: *The Lovers* | oil on canvas | 52 x 54 in.



ANDREW MARK

Opposite, top: *Bayard Street Tiger* | acrylic on canvas | 18 x 18 in.
Opposite, bottom: *Mott Street Dragon* | acrylic on canvas | 18 x 18 in.
Above: *Yeti Momos* | digital image



WILLIAM JOHN PARROTT III

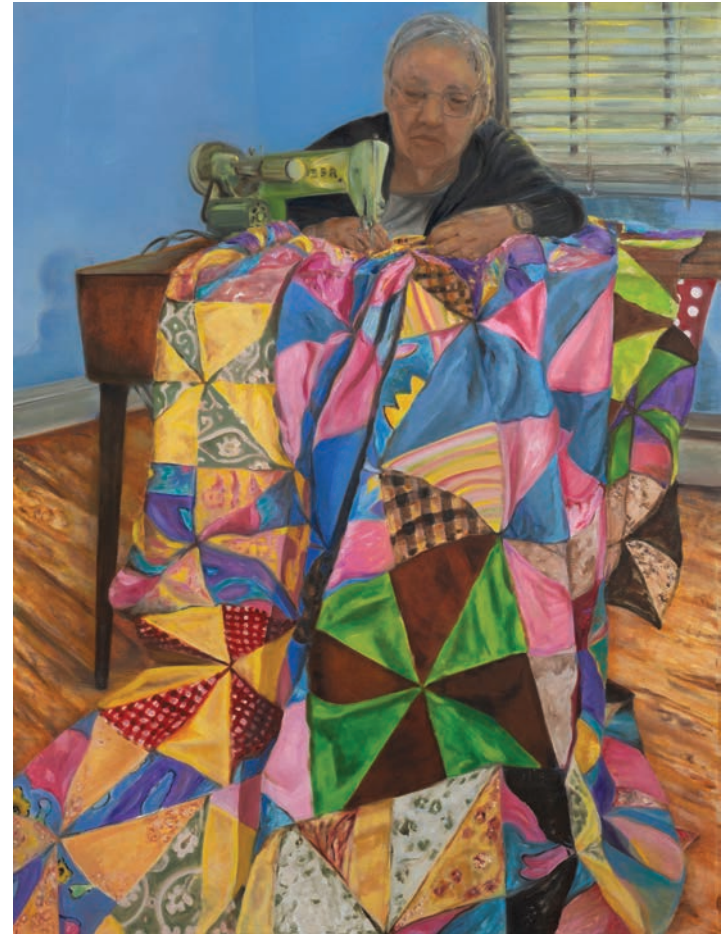
Opposite, top: *Tranquility* | mixed media | 20 x 20 in.

Opposite, bottom: *Lost in Translation* | spray paint on raw stretched canvas | 30 x 26 in.

Above: *Connecting Thoughts* | mixed media | 24 x 36 in.



DENISE ROSA



Opposite: *Generosity* | oil on canvas | 40 x 30 in.
Above: *Meditation* | oil on canvas | 40 x 30 in.

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