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Anastasia Fasnakis: Photography
By Sanket Patel

1. When did you realize photography was your passion?

- I got my first camera in sixth grade and I thought it was the coolest thing ever. It had 3.4 megapixels and was about the size of an iPhone. I took pictures of everything and eventually after a few minor upgrades I got my first real dslr in high school, and that is when the passion truly started. I did photography purely for the joy of it and I always got encouraging comments about the shots I took. I was hesitant to pursue photography and even applied to schools for Nutrition for the majority of my senior year. Deep down I knew that photography would make me happiest and so last minute I applied to two more schools for photography. I would say it’s something I have always loved but I didn’t realize it was my passion until I was willing to drop the security of a nutritionist job and take a leap of faith into the art world.

2. What photographers have helped shaped you as an artist?

- I idolize a large array of photographers and truthfully I feel studying all of them has allowed me to develop my own style. However a few that truly opened my eyes were Ansel Adams, Sally Mann, Wynn Bullock, and Pail Capinegro.

3. What inspires you and your work?

- I am mainly inspired by the essence of life and nature itself. The beauty and mystery of the natural world has always fascinated me and my curious ways. Though I’ve accepted that maybe I never will know how or why we and Mother Earth came to be, I take great pleasure in documenting its current state and observing the changes throughout history. I am also inspired by subjects like philosophy and psychology - more specifically the work of Socrates and Carl Jung.

4. What are you trying to communicate with your art?

- I am trying to communicate a certain level of consciousness and mindfulness. It is easy to lose sight of what is important and many people often get so caught up in their day to day lives that they miss the bigger picture. I don’t only wish to raise an awareness for the importance of taking care of our planet but also the importance of human/human and human/nature relationships. If we all made the effort to better understand one another and what it takes to keep our planet thriving for the next generations to come, then conscious thinking is inevitable.

5. Professionally, what’s your goal?

- I am working towards a career in photojournalism. I very much enjoy writing and I’ve always felt my photography and writing could go hand in hand. Ideally I would like to work for an establishment similar to National Geographic where

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By Yvette Hicks

From Wednesday, February 17th through March 31st, Madison Art Cinema will be showcasing a group show from Paier College of Art’s very own Senior Illustrators: Cassandra Infante, Emily Corncichio, Ashley Whitham, Aaron Blauvelt, Crystal Clark, and Amira Brown. These students included art from Illustration and Fine Arts that they’ve been working on during their final years at Paier. Paier is proud of them for their accomplishment and dedication to their artwork, everyone should support them at the show!

Also, Ryan Kalentkowski had his first one-person exhibition at this very cinema. The exhibition explores non-representational painting and composition. Kalentkowski’s work is energetic, emotional and autobiographical with his use of bold brushstrokes and line work. His compositions are carried by an obsession with spacial relationships and the history achieved by layering the paint and line. He lifts organic shapes and forms from these layers that are constantly being shifted, buried and rebuilt, pursuing ideas and topics that are addressed in individual paintings or as a series of paintings.

The Madison Art Cinemas, 761 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT, provides a highly personalized movie-going experience. The Madison Art Cinemas plays first-run independent art and upscale foreign and domestic films. It is used as a center for community activity with many local organizations using the theatre for fundraisers and community events. (madisonartcinemas.com)
On Friday, February 26th, the ever anticipated Faculty Art Show took place here at Paier College of Art. This annual art show takes place in the student lounge and showcases work done by many of the instructors and faculty that work here at Paier. The faculty art show is always a great sight because of the sheer brilliance of the work submitted by the faculty. Years and years of experience shows in every piece out on the floor. From the hyper-realism paintings from Robert Zappalorti to the beautiful landscapes from John Falato, the show was an absolute treat to the eyes. Faculty from every major in the school submitted works. Peter Miserendino from Graphic Design, Peter Benson and Richard Hoyer from Photography, Magge Gagliardi and Frank McLaughlin from illustration, and so many more. The students had the honor of being able to view work done by the instructors that teach them all the skills they use, and they will never forget the experience. The show was held over one night, and spectators from all over stopped by to view it. Photos and artwork from the show can be viewed on Paier’s facebook page under the post about the show. This year’s faculty art show was a success and there is no doubt shows to come will be as well.

Molly Gambardella ’17, Emily Cornacchio ’16 and Steven Duchesne ’15 were accepted to the Society of Illustrator’s 2016 Student Scholarship Competition. Out of thousands of entries, we congratulate these three Paier students on their hard work and creativity. They were selected from 2,289 students that participated, representing 86 schools. Their work will be displayed in the Society of Illustrators’ Gallery in New York City for the 2016 Student Scholarship Competition Exhibition. They will have their work printed in the Society’s Annual Student Competition book and will be in the running for multiple scholarship opportunities. (paiercollegeofart.com)
Don’t forget to follow us on Instagram @Paiercollege for regular updates on cool and exciting things happening right here at Paier! If you like taking photos yourself and love Instagram, feel free to hashtag the college in your school orientated photos and especially artwork as well.

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