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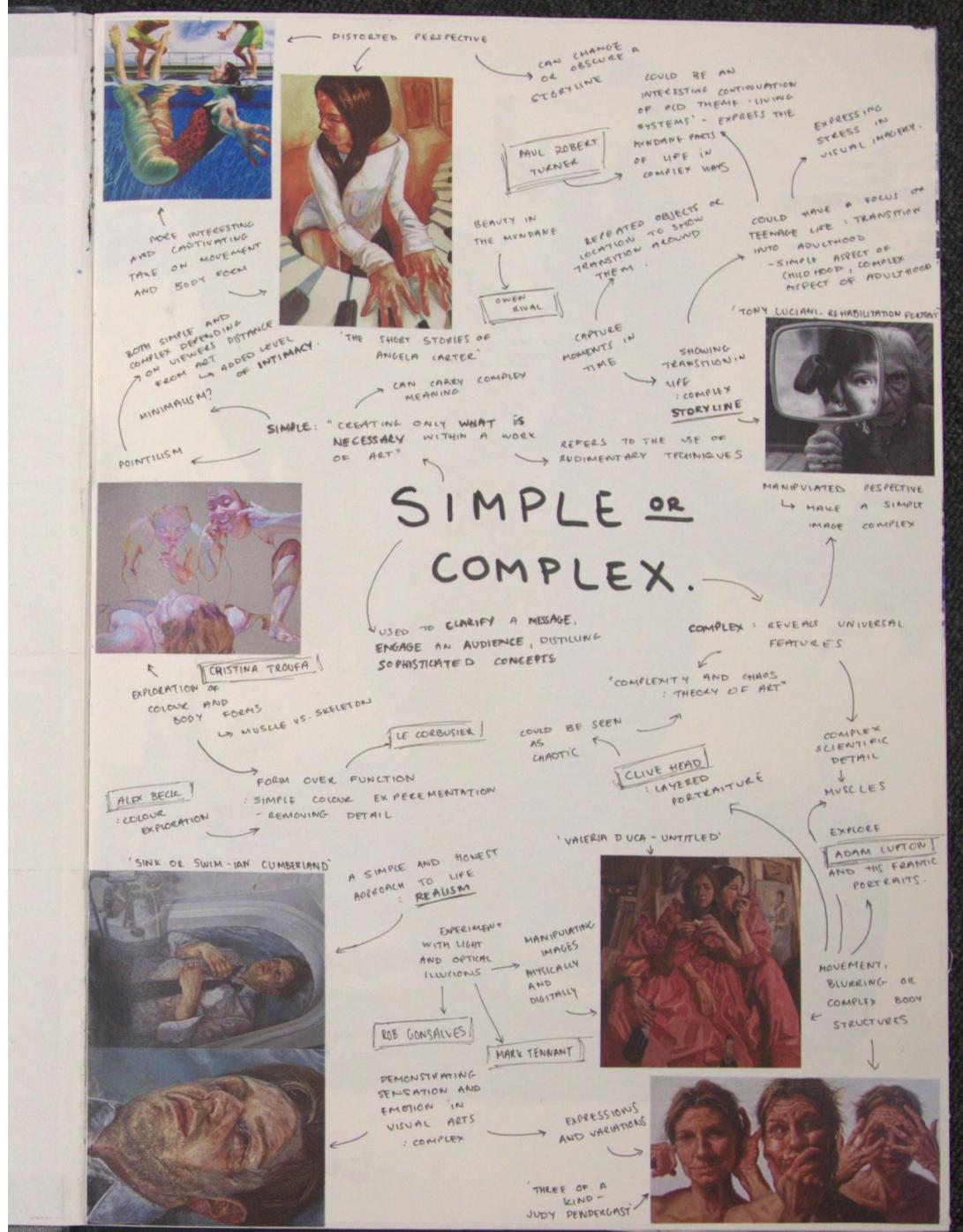
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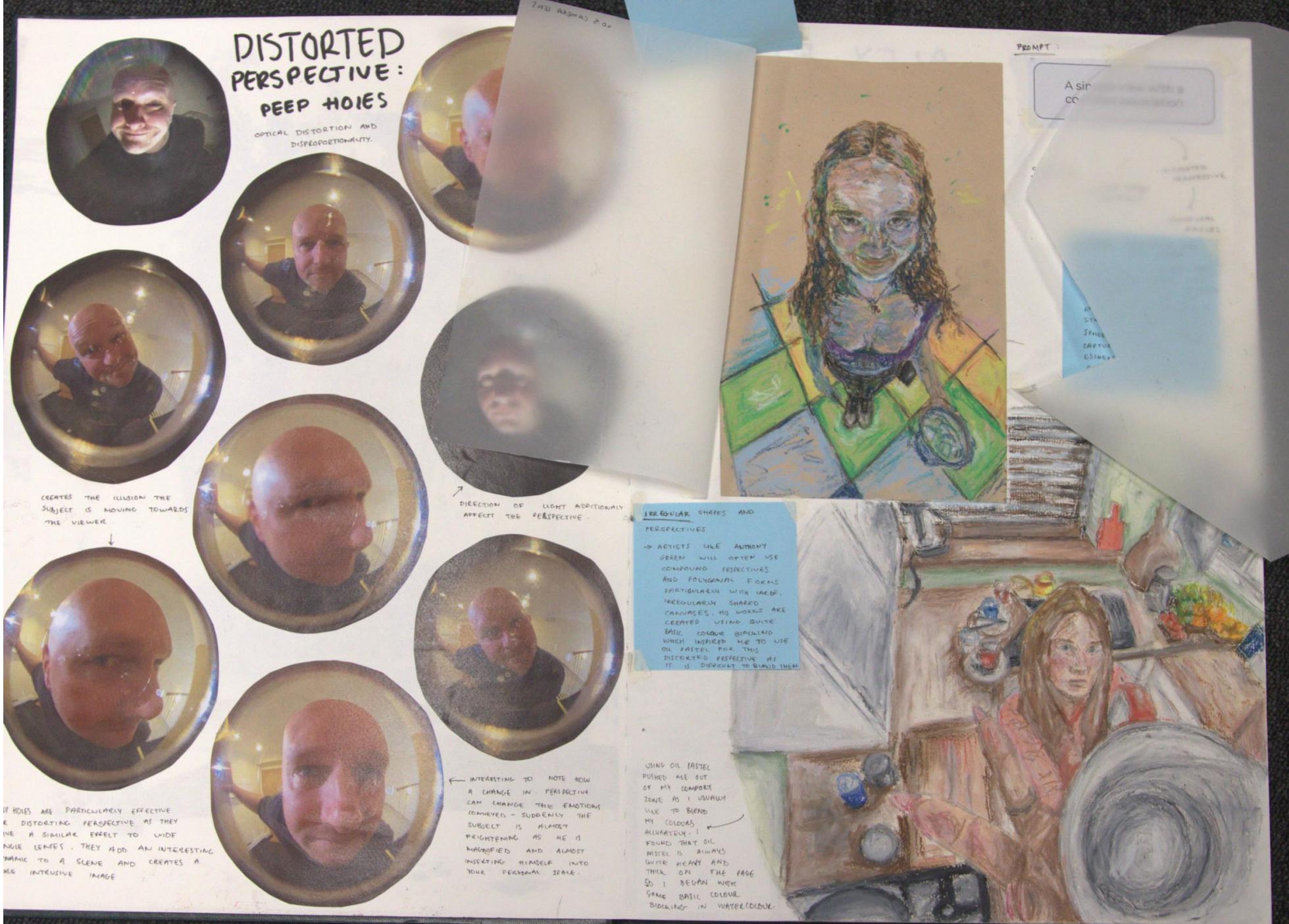
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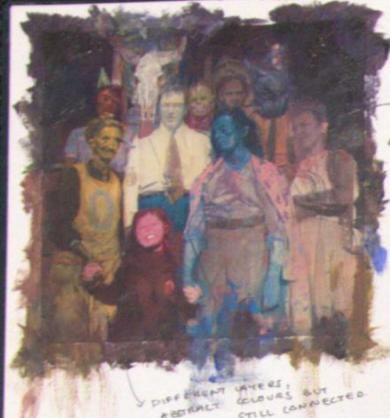
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ALEX BECK



ALEX BECK WORKS REALLY WELL WITH THIS CONCEPT OF COMPLEX STORYLINES. HE IS A PAINTER AND ILLUSTRATOR BEST KNOWN FOR HIS VERSATILE ARTWORKS CREATED IN OIL, ACRYLIC AND GOUACHE. HIS ART DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND HIS PHOTO DIARIES WHETHER KODAK CHROME FILM OR POLAROID. HE IS FASCINATED BY THE UNIQUE LOOK OF ANALOG PHOTOGRAPHY AS WELL AS THE DIFFERENT EFFECTS THAT RESULT FROM DIFFERENT LIGHTING.

WHEN CREATING A PIECE OF ART, BECK WILL OFTEN START WITH A COLLAGE OF DIFFERENT PHOTOGRAPHS.

HE AIMS TO CREATE A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIS LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS. HIS WORK MAINLY CENTRES AROUND PEOPLE'S NOSTALGIC MEMORIES AND HE MASTERFULLY JUXTAPOSES

ORDINARY PORTRAITS WITH A VARIETY OF SCENARIOS. SOMETIMES HE STARTS WORKING ON A PAINTING. FAIRS TO FINISH IT AND THEN LATER ON USE IT TO PAINT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PIECE WITHOUT READING WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY PAINTED, CREATING COMPLEX AND CAPTIVATING PIECES. I REALLY ADMIRE HIS PROCESS AS IT MEANS YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE PIECE IS TRULY FINISHED: THERE'S ALWAYS NEW LAYERS TO THE STORY. IN HIS WORK, THE MUNDANE IS SOMETHING HE GRAVITATES TOWARDS AS

THESE ARE MANY CHARACTERS IN HIS PIECES WHO JUST LAY ON SOFA'S OR ARE SIMPLY IN COMFORTABLE SETTINGS. THE FIGURES IN HIS PIECES OFTEN HAVE A PASSIVE BODY LANGUAGE AND A LEVEL OF STIFFNESS, AN ASPECT WHICH CHARACTERISED HIS WORK SO FAR. EVERY PIECE HE CREATES IS DIFFERENT AND EXPRESSED A FULL RANGE OF EMOTIONS. HIS GOAL IS FOR THE VIEWERS TO RESPOND TO HIS WORK AS IF THEY WERE TALKING WITH ANOTHER PERSON AND NOT WATCHING AN ART WORK. NOBODY ALWAYS FEELS THE SAME AS ANOTHER PERSON AS EACH

PIECE IS A LIVING MEMORY FOR BECK WITH ITS OWN FEELINGS". THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PART OF ALL HIS PAINTINGS IS HIS GENERAL ABILITY TO CRAFT EMOTION AND BUILD A STORY. HIS WORKS LEAVE ME WANTING TO LEARN MORE AND TO BE GIVEN A EXPLANATION.



IN ESSENCE THIS PIECE IS ABOUT COLORFUL MEMORIES: FUN, LOVING MOMENTS FROM CHILDHOOD, AS ALEX BECK WORKS A LOT WITH THE IDEA OF NOSTALGIA AND VARIOUS STORY LINES. I TOOK INSPIRATION FROM HIS PAINTING THAT REPRESENTED IRRATIONAL FEARS BUT APPROACHED IT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF GREEN BEING A COLOR FOR GROWTH [A CONFLICT WHICH FITS WELL WHEN PAINTING CHILDREN]. BECK'S IDEA IS VERY REMINISCENT OF SALVADOR DALÍ'S SURREALIST CONCEPT OF 'PARANOAC-CRITICAL' WHICH WAS A METHOD OF PERCEIVING REALITY. DALÍ'S WORK HAD ANTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT TO LINK TO HIS BROTHER'S IRRATIONAL FEARS.

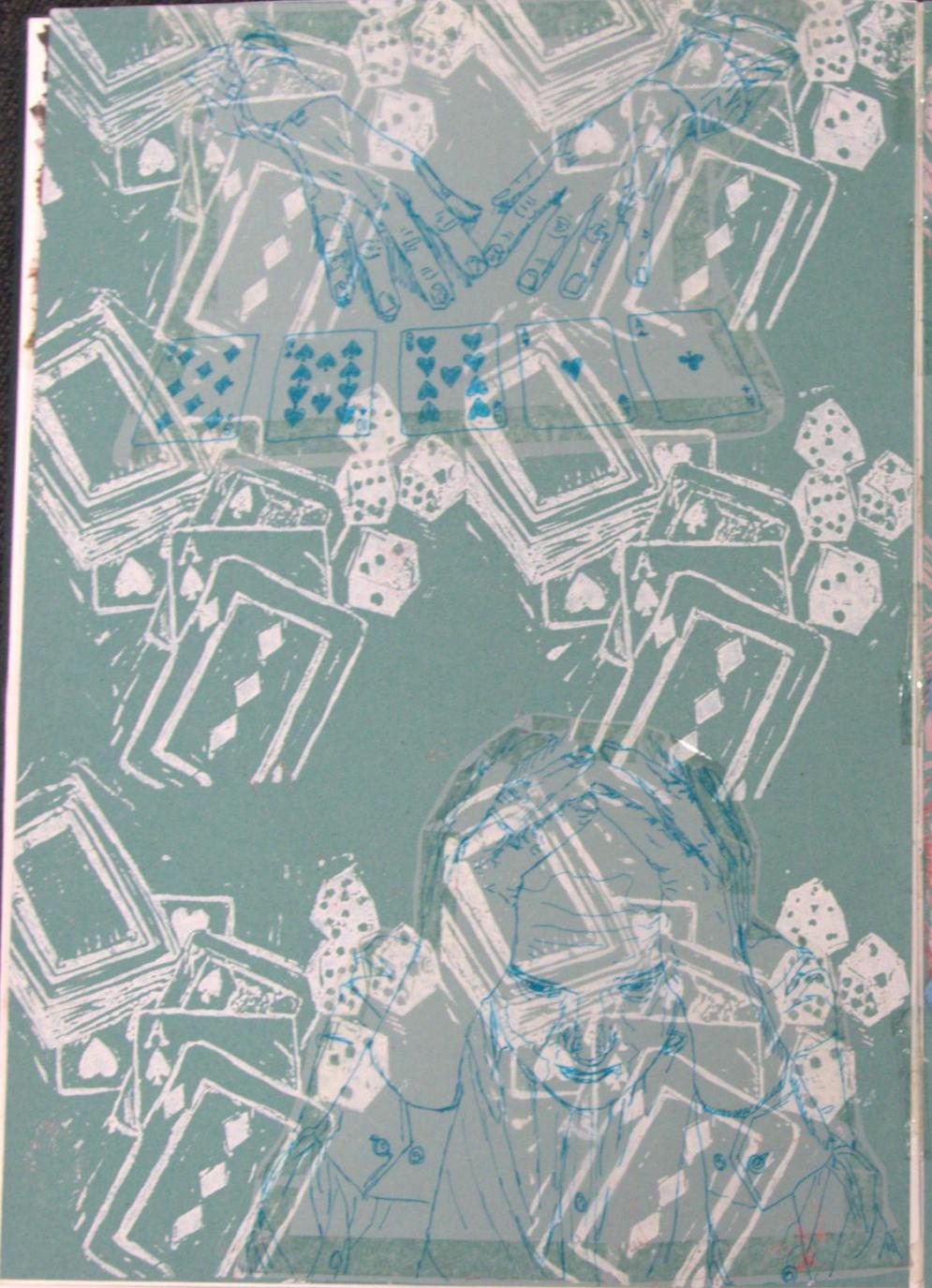


I DID THIS PIECE IN GOUACHE WHICH TO ME FEELS LIKE A VERY PLAYFUL MEDIUM WITH ITS JELLY-LIKE CONSISTENCY. IN TURN ADDING TO THE MOTIF OF NOSTALGIA AND CHILDHOOD.



THIS PIECE IS PART OF HIS VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF IRRATIONAL FEARS.

SOL SOHN "WHAT WAS I SCARED OF?" - A PLAY ON THE DR SEUSS BOOK WHICH TELLS A TALE OF A CHARACTER WHO REPEATEDLY MEETS AN EMPTY PAIR OF GREEN PANTS AND IS INITIALLY SCARED OF THEM DESPITE THE LACK OF A WEAVER. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BLUE PEOPLE?



JUAN GRIS : CUBISM



JUAN GRIS WAS A SPANISH PAINTER CLOSELY CONNECTED TO THE ART DECO CIRCLE, AND HIS WORKS ARE REGARDED AS AN INFLUENCE ON THE CUBIST MOVEMENT. MOST DISTINCTIVE CUBISM IS AN EARLY 20TH CENTURY STYLE IN WHICH PERSPECTIVE WITH A SINGLE VIEWPOINT WAS ABANDONED, AND THE WORK MADE OF SIMPLE GEOMETRIC SHAPES AND INTERLOCKING PLANE. FOR THESE REASONS I CHOSE TO EXPERTISE WITH THE CUBIST STYLE AS IT INVOLVED PAINTING A NORMAL SCENE BUT FROM MULTIPLE VIEWS WHERE OBJECTS ARE DISTORTED AND SOMETIMES LOOK DISORIENTED. THE INTENTION WAS TO SHOW THE HIDDEN STRUCTURE OF OBJECTS WITHOUT USED SHADING TECHNIQUES - WHICH IS A SIMILAR EFFECT A LINE FAINTLY WOULD CREATE. I CHOSE FOR MY PRINT DESIGN TO REPRESENT A SOCIAL COMMENTARY ON GAMBLING AND THE NEEDLES THAT CAN COME FROM IT, EXPRESSING THIS FREEDOM BY THE EXPRESSION OF THE FAINT BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIVE NATURE OF A GAMBLING ADDICTION. I THINK MY PRINT WAS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT HAS CLEAR LINES AND DISTORTION IN THE PERSPECTIVE, WHICH IS ACCENTUATED BY COLOR WITH BOLD LINES AND THE AREA OF COLOR TO LEAVE A HIGH CONTRAST BETWEEN THE PAPER AND INK.

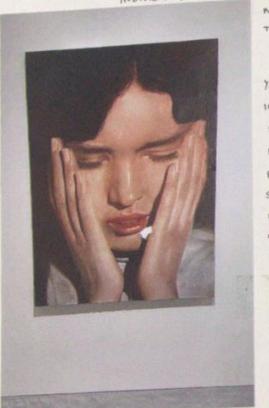
THE PERIMETER GALLERY

JOSEPH YAEGER : TIME WEFT

THE EXHIBITION'S TITLE IS DERIVED FROM THE CINSTRINIAN NOTION OF A TIME WARP - THE DISTORTION OF SPACE AND TIME. RATHER THAN TRAVELING RADICALLY UP OR DOWN THE LONGITUDINAL AXIS OF TIME, THIS EXHIBITION EXAMINES THE LATITUDINAL NOTION OF THE WEFT (PAST TENSE OF WEAVE) WHICH, IN TEXTILE PRODUCTION, CONTINUALLY DOUBLES BACK ON ITSELF. IN THIS MANNER THE EXHIBITION EXPLORER RECURRENCE - THE WAY, TO EXTEND THE METAPHOR, A WEAVING THREAD, TRANSVERSING THROUGH THE WEB, MAY OVER THE COURSE OF A LIFE REALIGN WITH ASPECTS OF ITSELF YEARS ON; THE WAY, IN A TAPESTRY, THIS SAME PHENOMENA CREATES AN IMAGE OR A PATTERN. THE PIECES FUNCTION AS REPIES "DE WEAVES" IN THE FAILURE OF LANGUAGE, JUST AS THE PROSE-POEMS IN THE EXHIBITION'S TITULAR BOOK REVEAL THE FAILURES OF IMAGE.



LIKE THE METAPHORICAL FABRIC REFERENCED IN THE TITLE, IT IS THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN THESE TWO DISCIPLINES (IMAGERY & LANGUAGE) THAT AN AUTO-PORTAIT, OR AUTO-ANALYSIS BEGINS TO EMERGE. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW DOES DESIRE CONVEYED IN LANGUAGE DIFFER FROM IMAGE, WHERE AFFECT FINDS A WAY AROUND DENOTATION? I WAS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO YAEGER'S WORK BECAUSE OF ITS IMMENSE LEVEL OF DETAIL AND THE UNCERTAINTY THAT COMES WITH THEM. HIS WORK ALSO LINKS GREATLY WITH THE THEME OF "SIMPLE OR COMPLEX" AS HE OFTEN DEPICTS VERY SIMPLE IMAGES OF A INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT BUT THE STORYLINES AND HIDDEN MEANINGS SIGNIFICANTLY ELEVATE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PIECE.



THE EYES ARE OFTEN HIDDEN OR INTENTIONALLY OBSCURED WITHIN THE SCENE ITSELF AND AS A CONSEQUENCE SO ARE THE EMOTIONS. IT'S NEVER QUITE CLEAR WHAT IS GOING ON NOR WHAT YOU SHOULD FEEL. THE UNCERTAINTY AROUND EACH PIECE IS EXACTLY WHAT MAKES THIS SERIES SO COMPLEX ALONG WITH THE AMOUNT OF DETAIL INCLUDED. YAEGER HAS SAID "THE FEELING OF IT, THE ARRANGEMENT, THE SUBJECT, THE RELATION OF THE SUBJECTS WITHIN THE IMAGE, WILL SORT OF JAR ME, ATTRACT ME, DISLODGE ME" THIS LEAVES THE VIEWER FEELING HUNGRY FOR MORE AS THEY ARE NEVER GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE ART IN CONTEXT OR UNDERSTAND ITS STORYLINE. AS AN ARTIST ATTUNED TO THE VAGARIES OF CONTEMPORARY CULTURAL MEMORY, YAEGER'S PRACTICE IS THOUGHT OF AS A PARALLEL INVESTIGATION IN THE FETISHISATION OF IMAGES IN CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIES AND IN THE PAINTINGS' AGENCY TO SHOW THE TRANSFORMATION AND CIRCULATION OF THE VISIBLE".

YAEGER PAINTS FROM FOUND IMAGES AND SNIPPETS OF FILMS BUT ALL TOTALLY REMOVED FROM CONTEXT. IN MY PREVIOUS PERSONAL STUDY OF LIVING SYSTEMS I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ART IN CONTEXT TO CONVEY SPECIFIC IMAGERY SO IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE IMAGES BEING CROPPED TOO TIGHT, DISTORTED AND TWISTED. ONE PARTICULAR ROOM DISPLAYS A MAN PEAKING THROUGH GLASSES AND A WOMAN'S EYES BEING SHIELDING BY A LARGE MALE HAND. VISION IS MEDICATED, MANIPULATED AND CONTROLLED.

"AS IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SOME OF THESE SCENES COME FROM FILMS, THOUGH YOU CAN NEVER PLACE WHICH ONES, YOU'LL BE LEFT WITH THIS INCREDIBLY UNCOMFORTABLE, DISCONCERTING SENSATION: AN UNPLACEABLE DÉJA VU. YOU RECOGNISE WHAT YOU'RE SEEING BUT CAN'T SEEM TO FIGURE OUT WHERE FROM, SO YOU FEEL UTTERLY LOST. THIS ADDS TO THE IDEA OF THE PIECES BEING BOTH SIMPLE AND COMPLEX AS THERE IS AN ADDED ELEMENT OF DEATH WHEN IT STIMULATES THE MIND LIKE THIS."

WHILE WALKING THROUGH THE EXHIBITION I WAS INcredibly IMPRESSED BY THE LEVEL OF REALISM YAEGER WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE. THE SKILL REQUIRED TO CREATE THESE PIECES MADE THEM ALL THE MORE COMPLEX WHILE CREATING A FALSE SENSE OF SIMPLICITY

DU TO THE AMOUNT OF THINGS PICTURED. CEZANNE PREVIOUSLY SAID "PAINTING FROM NATURE IS NOT COPYING THE OBJECT, IT IS REALISING ONE'S SENSATION" - AN IDEA THE EXHIBITION PLAYS ON GREATLY AS IT ENVOVES ALL SHORTED'S OF THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.

EXPRESSING SENSATION IN VISUAL ART IS OFTEN VERY DIFFICULT TO DO WELL AND CONSISTENTLY AS EACH VIEWER WILL RELATE DIFFERENTLY YET IN TIME WEFT MAY CRITICS REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION THAT ITS "ALL FRAGMENTED, HAZY, STUCK IN A FUOUE - STATE OF LOST MEMORY AND PIXELATED NOSTALGIA" AND "IN THESE ENDLESS LENSES AND MIRRORS AND HAZE AND FOG, THERE IS A PRETTY ACCURATE REFLECTION OF MODERN LIFE".



THIS IS THE FIRST IMAGE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION ENTRANCE ALMOST AS IF TO OFFER YOU THIS PILL - POTENTIALLY A HALLUCINOGENIC TO CHANGE THE PERSPECTIVE YOU SEE THE WORKS FROM. THE WHITE CLOTHES WORN BY THE SUBJECT ADD TO THIS IDEA OF IT BEING AN EXPERIMENT THIS, ADDED TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS A VERY PERSONAL VIEWING EXPERIENCE AS NOONE ELSE WAS IN THE GALLERY MADE FOR A VERY ERIE EXPERIENCE.

THE PIECE IS TITLED "FREEDOM FROM WANT" SUGGESTING THE PILL WOULD BE THE KEY TO FREEDOM. THE QUESTION REMAINS: WHAT IS THE WANT? WHAT IS THE PILL? WHO IS THE PROVIDER? DOES THIS REFER TO THE INNATE TENDENCY TOWARDS GREED?



→ THE ACCOMPANYING BOOK "TIME WEFT" BEING MADE OF LANGUAGE, SPEAKS, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING FOR ITSELF. IT IS COMPRISED OF PROSE-POETIC TEXTS SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS DESCRIBING EXISTENCE IN THE "WEFT". ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING THIS WOULD BE: DESCRIBING LIFE AND ITS COMPLEXITIES; AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RECURRING PAST. AROUND AND WITHIN THESE TEXT-BODIES IS A PROLOGUE, AN INTERMISSION AND AN EPilogue WHICH DESCRIBE A FICTIONALISED ACCOUNT OF THE ARTIST'S DEATH, TOLD THROUGH THE PERSPECTIVE OF THREE OBTINENTLY BUREAUCRATIC FIGURES.



→ YAEGER CREATES MANY PIECES PLAYING WITH REFLECTION AND PERSPECTIVE - A PRACTICE I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE FURTHER THROUGHOUT THIS STUDY AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF LIGHT ON THE OVERALL IMAGE.





ADAM LUPTON

ADAM LUPTON USES VISUAL ARTS TO CONVEY A SENSE OF MOVEMENT, TRANSITION AND IDENTITY. HIS WORK GROWS OUT OF HIS OCD WHERE HIS EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH PERFORMING MENTAL AND PHYSICAL RITUALS. ENDLESSLY SERVING ANXIETY AND REPETING MANNERS AND PROJECTIONS - LIKE THE 'WHAT IF'S' OF THE FUTURE. THESE THOUGHTS MEDIATE BETWEEN HIM AND THE EXTERIOR WORLD. LUPTON WORKS WITH NON-TRADITIONAL METHODS OF PAINT APPLICATION: USING STAMPS, PRINT MAKING AND CHALK APPLICATIONS TO EXPRESS THE VARIED, REPETITIVE AND FRANTIC EMOTIONS OF INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS. OCD MEDIATES BETWEEN HIM AND HIS WORLD.



THROUGH THIS LENS, THE WORK WEAVES TOGETHER INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETAL RITUALS, SPIRITUAL TENSION AND SELF-DEFINING MYTH - ILLUMINATING THE VARIOUS ATTEMPTS TO GAIN CLARITY IN LIFE. THESE OVERLAYS CREATE NARRATIVES THAT PLAY OUT ON THE CANVAS - BORROWING THEIR BASIS FROM OGRE MYTHS, MODERN DATING RIGHTS, DOMESTIC ROUTINES, SEXUALITY AND COMPULSIONS. AS LUPTON CASTS A CONTEMPORARY WORLD OF ANXIETY THROUGH QUESTIONS OF MASCULINITY, EGO, MODERN DAY UNLIKENESS, DOMESTICITY AND MENTAL HEALTH.

LUPTON'S WORK OSCILLATES BETWEEN THE EMOTIONAL AND THE PICTORIAL, EXPLORING INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETAL ANXIETY AND ISOLATION. I HEAVILY ADVISE THE FINAL OUTCOME HE IS ABLE TO CREATE AND THE COMPLEXITY HE WOULD USE TO REPRESENT. SIMILAR TO ALEX RECK, HE GREATLY REPRESENTS THE LACK OF EMOTION A PERSON CAN FEEL IN ISOLATION, YET IS IT STILL SUCH AN EMOTIONAL PIECE BECAUSE THE VIEWER IS LIKELY TO RELATED TO IT (OR WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RELATED AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES) SO THE PIECE IS VERY MOVING.

"A SUBJECTIVELY INAPPROPRIATE IMPRESSION OF FAMILIARITY OR A PRESENT EXPERIENCE WITH AN UNDERRUNNED PAST"



LAYERING & TRANSFORMATION

> RESPONSE



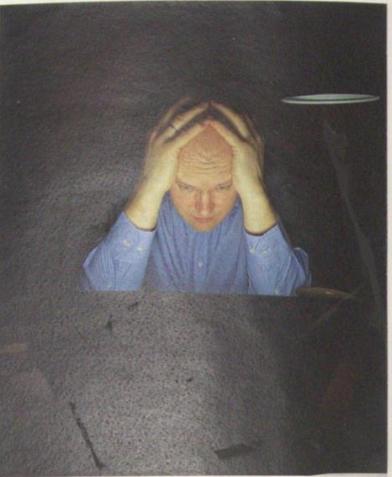
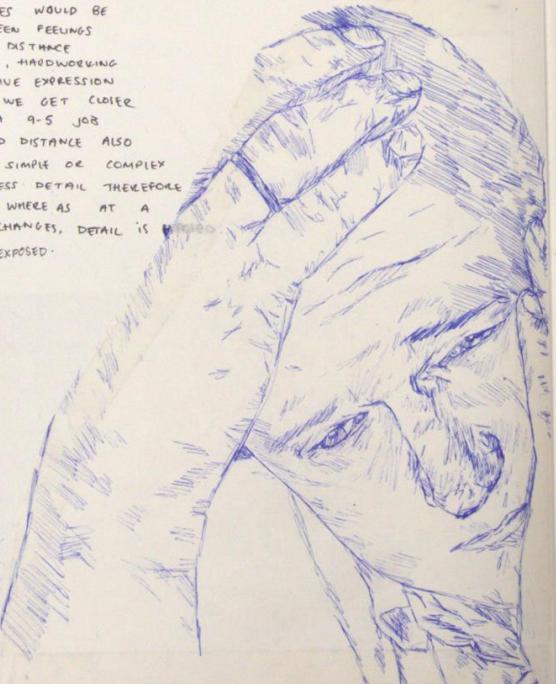
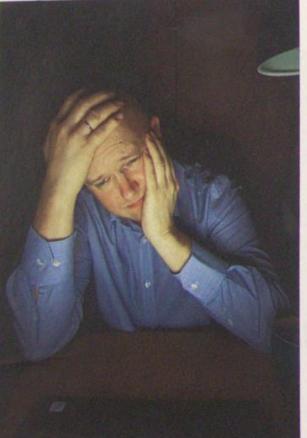
AS PART OF MY RESPONSE, I WAS INSPIRED BY LUPTON'S PSYCHOANALYSIS COMPOSITION WHICH INVOLVES THIS IDEA OF COLLAGING AND RENDERING AN IMAGE- BREAK IT APART AND THEN RE-BUILD IT. THE UNEVEN LAYERS ALSO HELP TO CREATE THE ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT. I CUT UP A COPY OF MY FINAL PIECE AND ONE OF MY PROGRESS PHOTOS AND ARRANGED THEM TO CREATE A PIECE RATHER UNSETTLING TO THE EYE AS IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT PART// LAYER TO LOOK ON. I THINK THE FINAL EFFECT IS SUCCESSFUL AS IT IS ENGAGING AND CAPTURES MOTION IN AN OTHERWISE STATIC IMAGE.

COMPOSITION PLAN

EXPLORING THE IDEA OF TRANSITION, COMPLEX STORYLINES, MOVEMENT WITH EMOTION AND ADULTHOOD AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF DISTANCE ON THE COMPLEXITY OF A PIECE.

WHEN BRAINSTORMING MY COMPOSITION I DECIDED I WANTED TO PLAY WITH THE IDEA EXPRESSED IN ADAM LUPTON'S WORK. I WANTED TO EXPLORE MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONS TIED TO ROUTINE AND LIFE TRANSITIONS. AS PART OF MY INITIAL PROJECT MIND MAP I WROTE 'THE COMPLEXITY OF TEENAGE LIFE' WHICH IS PARTICULARLY PREVLENT WHEN YOU'RE ON THE Cusp OF ADULTHOOD AT AGE 18 - A CONCEPT WHICH I PREVIOUSLY SAW ADRIENNE SAUINGER DELVE INTO WHEN CREATING HER PERSONAL STUDY. SALINGER PICTURED TEENAGE ROOMS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF ADOLESCENCE. I WANTED TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THIS IDEA OF TRANSITION AND SHOW THE STRESS OF THE AGES AWAITING. WORK LONG NIGHTS, TIREDNESS. THE LIGHTING ALSO MAKES FOR A RATHER CINEMATIC PORTRAIT - WHICH COMBINED WITH THE TWO DISTANCES REMINDS ME OF A SHORT FILM ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF STRESS.

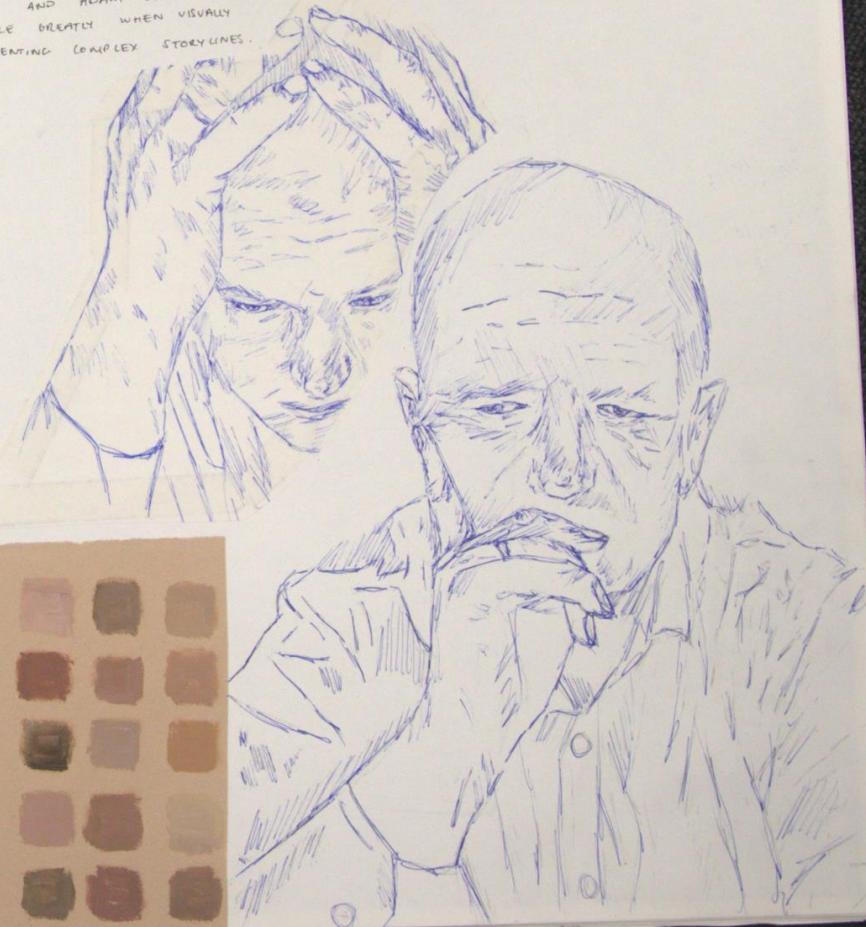
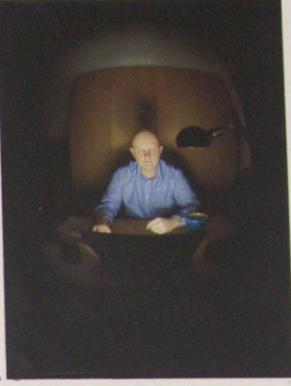
THE PURPOSE OF THE TWO DISTANCES WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE A CONTRAST BETWEEN FEELINGS REPRESENTED AND ASSUMED. AT A DISTANCE WE ASSUME A PERSON IS DEDICATED, HARDWORKING AND CONCENTRATED WITH LITTLE EXPLOSIVE EXPRESSION ON THEIR FACE; WHEREAS WHEN WE GET CLOSER THE STRESS AND EXHAUSTION OF A 9-5 JOB BECOMES MORE APPARENT. THE VARIED DISTANCE ALSO GREATLY REPRESENTS THE IDEA OF SIMPLE OR COMPLEX AS FROM A DISTANCE YOU SEE LESS DETAIL THEREFORE IT IS RELATIVELY MORE SIMPLE WHEREAS AT A MAGNIFIED DISTANCE, THE PERSPECTIVE CHANGES, DETAIL IS MADE EXPOSED.



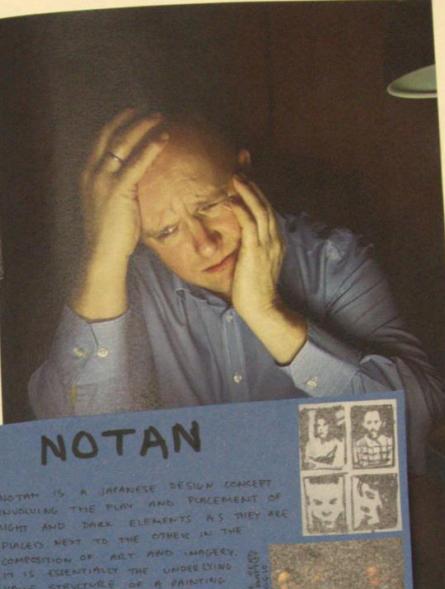
WHILE TAKING REFERENCE PICTURES I USED A VARIETY OF LENSES TO SEE WHAT SORT EFFECTS THESE WOULD HAVE ON THE DISTANCE AND DISTORTED PERSPECTIVE. THE FISH EYE LENS CREATED A SORT OF SYMMETRY REMINISCENT OF WES ANDERSON FILMS. HOWEVER I DID NOT END UP USING THESE IMAGES AS IT FELT VERY DETACHED FROM THE AUDIENCE WHEREAS THE OTHER COMPOSITIONS HAD AN ELEMENT OF INTRUSION WHICH ARTISTS LIKE ALEX BELL AND ADAM LUPTON CAPTURE GREATLY WHEN VISUALLY REPRESENTING COMPLEX STORYLINES.

AIM IS TO HAVE A CLEAR NARRATIVE

CHARCOAL
TALES INSPIRATION
FROM REMBRANDT

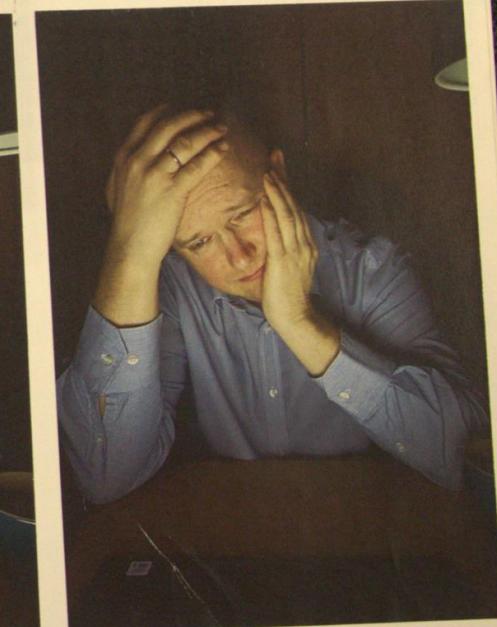
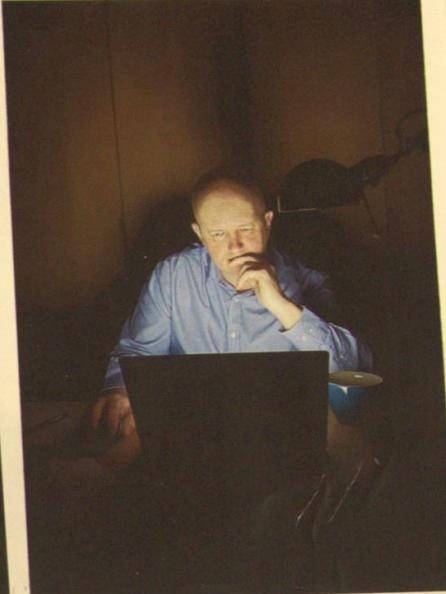
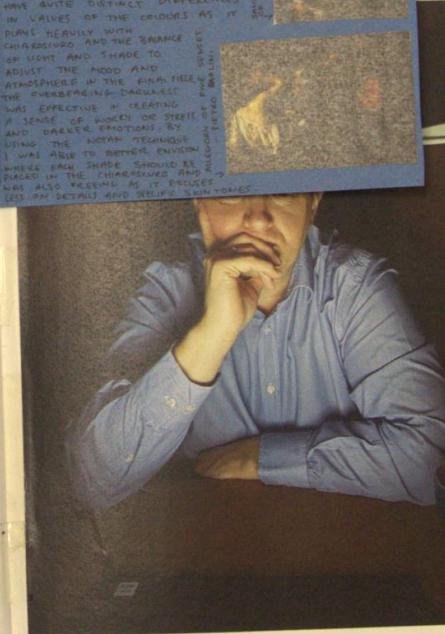


PAINTING DEVELOPMENT
TECHNIQUES
NOTAN PAINTING



NOTAN

NOTAN IS A JAPANESE DESIGN CONCEPT INCLUDING THE PLACEMENT AND BALANCE OF LIGHT AND DARK ELEMENTS AS THEY ARE PLACED NEXT TO ONE OTHER IN THE COMPOSITION OF ART AND IN GARDENING. IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE UNDERLYING VALUE STRUCTURE OF A PAINTING IN ITS SIMPLEST FORM. THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY USEFUL TECHNIQUE TO EXPERIMENT WITH AT THE IMAGES I PLANNED TO USE FOR MY COMPOSITION. HAVE QUITE DISTINCT DIFFERENCES IN VALUES OF THE COLOURS AS IT DRAWS HEAVILY WITH CHIAROSCURO AND THE BRANCE OF LIGHT AND SHADE TO ADJUST THE MOOD AND ATMOSPHERE IN THE PAINTING. THE CHIAROSCURO IS THE DARKEST PART OF THE PAINTING WHICH WAS EFFECTIVE IN CREATING A SENSE OF HUMAN OR STREETS, AND DARKER EMOTIONS. BY USING THE NOTAN TECHNIQUE I WAS ABLE TO BETTER EXPLORE WHERE EACH ELEMENT SHOULD BE PLACED AS THE CHIAROSCURO AND DARKER PARTS WOULD ALSO PRESENCE AS IT PRODUCES LESS DETAIL AND SIMPLIFIES THE STORIES.



REMBRANDT

REMBRANDT IS OFTEN REGARDED AS THE GREATEST ARTIST AND STORYTELLER OF THE DUTCH GOLDEN AGE. HE IS ALSO KNOWN AS A PAINTER OF LIGHT AND SHADE AND AS AN ARTIST WHO FAVOURSED AN UNCONDONING REALISM THAT WOULD LEAD SOME CRITICS TO CLAIM THAT HE PREFERRED UGLINESS TO BEAUTY. HE ALSO WORKS FREELY WITH ETCHING AND HIS PRINTS WERE CREATED ENTIRELY IN RELATED TECHNIQUES OF DRY POINT AND ENGRAVING. THESE WERE FORMS OF ANTIQUE PRINTING IN WHICH THE INK IS FOLED INTO THE GROOVES BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE PRINTING PLATE AND TRANSFERRED UNDER PRESSURE TO THE PIECE OF PRINTMAKING PAPER. A LARGE MAJORITY OF HIS PAINTINGS AND ETCHED BODY OF WORK CONSISTED OF STUDIES WELL AS MORE FOR

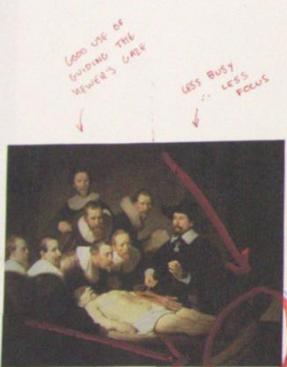


REMBRANDT BELIEVED THAT HUMAN EMOTIONS WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF LIFE AND TWO CENTURIES EARLIER, HE BEGAN EXPRESSING THOSE BELIEFS IN HIS ART. HIS SUBJECTS' FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCES ARE WHAT HE WANTED TO DEPICT ALIVE, THAN HISTORY, RELIGION, OR SOCIETY. REMBRANDT'S PAINTINGS ARE ALL ADMIREDED FOR THEIR REMARKABLY REALISTIC DEPICTIONS OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF HUMAN EMOTION WITH ALL OF ITS

MUANCES. HE WOULD OFTEN PAINT WITH A THICK IMPASTO
TECHNIQUE MAKING HIS MASTERSPIECE PROTRUD FROM ITS SURFACE.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE LEANED MORE TOWARDS THIS TECHNIQUE
AS IT ALLOWED HIM TO UNLEASH THE COLOURS AND CREATE
DEPTH - WHICH HE ALSO WOULD HAVE EXPLORED IN HIS
BACKGROUND OF ETCHING, WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY CREATED
IN STAGES. THIS APPROACH ALLOWED HIM TO CREATE MORE DETAILED
PIECES WHICH FELT MUCH MORE FULL OF LIFE AND BETTER
EXPRESSING THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN EXPERIENCES HE AIMED
TO POETRY.

THE GOLDEN RATIO

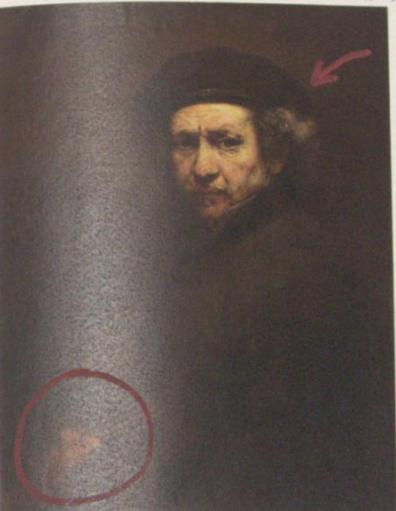
REMBRANDT WAS VERY TACTICAL IN HIS WORK IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM AS REALISTIC AS POSSIBLE TO APPROPRIATELY CONVEY HIS INTENDED MESSAGE. GREEK CULTURE APPRECIATED BEAUTY IN CLOSE RELATION TO MATHEMATICS. BEAUTY WAS ACHIEVED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF PROPORTIONS, HARMONY AND SYMMETRY. PYTHAGORAS AND EUCLID, GREEK MATHEMATICIANS DEFINED THE GOLDEN RATIO AS A CONCEPT BASED ON PROPORTIONS BETWEEN TWO QUANTITIES. IN MANY OF REMBRANDT'S WORK THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IS PRESENT OR HIS PIECES FIT PERFECTLY WITHIN THE GOLDEN SPIRAL - THE MOST EVIDENT MANIFESTATION OF THE RATIO LIES IN THE COMPOSITION OF 'THE ANATOMY LESSON OF DR. NICOLAES TULP', 1632'. REMBRANDT USED THE SPIRAL TO ENHANCE THE STORY. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS AN UNBREAKABLE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BOOK IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER AND THE STUDENTS SPECTATING THE LESSON.



CHIAROSCURO

> HOW DRAMATIC LIGHTING CAN BE USED TO BUILD A STORYLINE

LEMBOYND WAS ALSO FAMOUS FOR HIS USE OF CHIAROSCURO IN ORDER TO ENHANCE OR DIMINISH FORM. HE WAS PARTICULARLY SKILLED IN HIS ABILITY TO BALANCE THE LIGHTING EFFECTS IN HIS PORTRAITS TO BUILD INTRIGUE AND CREATE A PARTICULAR ATMOSPHERE. WHEN TAKING THE REFERENCES FOR MY COMPOSITION, I TOOK INSPIRATION FROM HIS PORTRAITS AND FOCUSED ON CREATING A DARKER BACKGROUND TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE FOREGROUND. I FOUND THAT THE LIGHTING NEED TO CREATE THESE COMPOSITIONS ALSO EMPHASIZED CERTAIN IMPERFECTIONS IN THE SKIN LIKE WRINKLES WHICH ADDED CHARACTER TO THE PIECE.



THE SUBTLE DETAILS FROM THE WAY
THE LIMITED LIGHT HITS THE
SUBJECT ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING
AS IT ALMOST SEEM TO LIE THE
SKIN TONES ARE RICHER AND
THERE IS MORE USE OF PINK
AND ORANGE TONES - APPEARS
MORE LIVELY

THE DARKER BACKGROUND CREATES A STRONG
JUXTAPOSITION WITH THE LIGHT COLOURS IN
THE FACE - BRINGS ATTENTION TO IT, FORCING
THE VIEWER TO HOLD EYE CONTACT WITH
THE SUBJECT, MAKING IT FEEL MORE INTIMATE
AND PERSONAL. THE EMPHASIS MAKES THE
PIECE MORE EMOTIONAL WHICH IS WHAT HE INTENDED
TO PORTRAY IN HIS WORK.

SUBTLE DETAIL OF
RING REFLECTION.
WOULD LARGELY GO
UNNOTICED BUT IS
VERY EFFECTIVE.
CLARIFIES THE
SUBJECT'S STATUS.

THE WORST PARTS
APPEAR TO BE THE
ROBE SO IN THIS
PIECE THE FOLKS IS
IN ONE ON THE CLOTHING
AND ORNAMENTATION THEM
THE FACE.

FINAL OUTCOME EVALUATION



ADJUSTED THE SKIN COLOURS AS TONES BEGAN APPEARING SIGHTLY DREY. MADE BETTER USE OF RED AND YELLOW OCHRE



FOCUSED ALSO ON REFLECTING CERTAIN COLOURS; SO ADDING 20 YELLOW TONES IN THE SHIRT TO UNIFY EACH ASPECT OF THE PIECE.



COMPLETE.

THE CONCEPT FOR MY COMPOSITION WAS TO CREATE TWO PAINTINGS WHERE ONE WAS MAGNIFIED AND DETAIL AND THE OTHER WAS LESS DETAILED AND SHOWED A WIDER IMAGE. I USED THIS OUTCOME AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT LENSES AND THEIR EFFECTS. I TOOK INSPIRATION FROM REMBRANDT'S CHIAROSCURO AND THOUGHT THE FINAL COMPOSITION WAS SUCCESSFUL AS IT REALLY EMPHASIZED THE FIGURE SHOWING DEEP EMOTION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY WAS TO LOOK AT BOTH SIMPLE AND COMPLEX IMAGERIES: I MADE THE CLOSE IMAGE MUCH MORE COMPLEX, REALLY FOCUSING ON THE BALANCE OF THE LIGHT AND THE SKIN TONES; THE OTHER IMAGE IS LESS DETAILED IN THE FACE AND IN SOME WAYS WAS SIMPLER. I TOOK LESS TIME ON THE EXTREME DETAILS IN THE FACE AND HANDS.

MY APPROACH TO SIMPLE OR COMPLEX WAS TO EXPLORE HOW SIMPLE PIECES AND COMPOSITIONS CAN HAVE COMPLEX STORYLINES OR EMOTIONS BEHIND THEM. THE STORYLINE IN THESE PIECES WAS THE IDEA OF WORKING LATE NIGHTS: STRESSED AND EXHAUSTED, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A FAMILY. FROM A DISTANCE THERE IS LESS EMOTION IN THE FACE TO COMMENT ON THE IDEA THAT YOU NEVER KNOW HOW OVERWHELMED A PERSON IS FEELING THEN, UP CLOSE, ALL THE EMOTIONS ARE EXPRESSED: WHEN YOU TAKE A MOMENT TO QUESTION HOW A PERSON IS COPING, BE INTRIGUED, YOU SEE THE REAL STORY. BY CREATING TWO SEPARATE PAINTINGS, TOGETHER THEY FORM A SERIES REPRESENTING TRANSITION BETWEEN TWO STATES - IN THIS CASE, TWO DISTANCES. IT BECOMES AN INVITATION TO COME CLOSER.

OVERALL, I BELIEVE THESE PIECES WERE SUCCESSFUL AS THEY CONVEYED EMOTIONS WELL AND WERE WELL EXECUTED IN TERMS OF BALANCE IN THE COMPOSITION. I FOUND THAT I HAD TO TAKE MORE CARE OVER THE MORE DETAILED PIECE SO I BELIEVE IT WAS MORE SUCCESSFUL OUT OF THE TWO. HOWEVER AS A PAIR THEY EXPLORED MY INTENDED MESSAGE AND EXPRESSED A FEELING THAT IS RELATABLE TO MANY. FOR MY NEXT COMPOSITION, I WANT TO PLAY MORE WITH THE IDEA OF TRANSITION AND MOVEMENT BETWEEN DIFFERENT PHASES. I MAY CONSIDER

LOOKING MORE INTO THE IDEAS EXPRESSED BY ADAM LUPTON AND THE LAYERING HE DOES IN HIS PIECES.

OSKAR KOKOSCHKA

Oskar Kokoschka is best known for his intense expressionistic portraits and landscapes, as well as his theory on vision that influenced the Vienna Expressionist movement. Expressionism is a modernist movement, initially in poetry and painting. Its typical trait is to present an image from a subjective perspective, distorting it for emotional effect in order to evoke moods or ideas. Kokoschka's portraits differed from his contemporaries due to his belief in the symbolic importance of the visible brushstrokes as well as the exposed areas of canvas. He also integrated "violent and contrasting colour, anxious scratch marks" and uneven handling. "I depend very much on being able to capture a never impression that remains behind when the image passes."



MOVEMENT IN CLASSICAL ART

* HOW MOVEMENT CAN BE VISUALLY REPRESENTED IN FINE ART.



IN FINE ART, VISUAL MOVEMENT IS USED TO GUIDE THE VIEWER THROUGH THE PIECE. OVERALL ARRANGEMENT OF LINES, SHAPE, COLOUR, DEPTH AND HIERARCHY CAN ALL BE USED TO GUIDE THE VIEWER FROM ONE POINT TO THE NEXT. VISUAL MOVEMENT IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN IN THE GRAPHIC DESIGN WORLD AS 'FLOW'. MOVEMENT ADDS EXCITEMENT, DRAMA AND OVERALL COMPOSITIONAL INTEREST TO AN ARTWORK, IN PARTICULAR WHEN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HOW RHYTHM, BALANCE AND SPACE COULD AFFECT THE VISUAL MOVEMENT. MOVEMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ANY COMPOSITION AS IT GIVES THE ART WORK CHARACTER AND TELLS THE VIEWER WHAT IS HAPPENING. IT CREATES VISUAL EFFECTS THAT INFORM THE MEANING OF THE ART WORK. OTHERWISE WE WOULD OBSERVE STATIC STORIES AND LOSE INTEREST. TO SUCCESSFULLY EVOKE MOVEMENT IN VISUAL ART IS TO CREATE A VISUAL NARRATIVE THROUGHOUT THE PAINTING. WHEN EXPLORING THIS TOPIC IT SHOULD BE QUESTIONED IN TERMS OF IMPLIED MOVEMENT, THE ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT AND A GUIDING MOVEMENT.

PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION

THE PHYSICAL REPRESENTATION OF MOVEMENT IS WHEN MOTION IS DIRECTLY DEPICTED IN THE ARTWORK [E.G. SOMEONE DANCING, RUNNING ETC] MOVEMENTS LIKE THIS CAN BE DEPICTED WITH DIFFERENT LINES, OF WHICH THERE ARE STATIC AND DYNAMIC LINES.



DYNAMIC LINES ARE DIAGONAL, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG, AND IF THESE ARE ARRANGED IN PATTERNS OR REPEATED, THEY ADD RHYTHM TO THE COMPOSITION RESULTING IN MOVEMENT. THIS TECHNIQUE IS SEEN COMMONLY IN SOME OF THE WORKS OF VINCENT VAN GOGH, LIKE IN HIS LANDSCAPES OR EVEN SELF-PORTRAIT WHERE HIS USE OF LINES GUIDES THE EYE TO THE HIGHLIGHTED POINTS OF THE PALE FACE LIKE THE TIP OF THE NOSE.

ADDITIONALLY HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL LINES CAN CREATE MOVEMENT AND SUGGEST DIFFERENT TYPES OF MOVEMENT IF SIDEDWAY [UPWARDS/DOWNTOWARDS] MOTION. IF A VERTICAL LINE IS PLACED SLIGHTLY OFF-CENTRE OR SWANTED IT CAN SUGGEST THE IDEA OF MOTION - THIS IS KNOWN AS IMPLIED MOTION. PHYSICAL MOVEMENT IS SEEN WIDELY IN ART WORKS FROM THE ART MOVEMENTS LIKE FUTURISM AND POP ART. ONE KEY EXAMPLE FROM FUTURISM IS THE MOTION DEPICTED IN 'DYNAMISM OF A DOG ON A LEASH' (1912) BY GIACOMO BALLA WHICH LARGELY REMINDS ME OF MODERN DAY LONG EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY. THIS COMPOSITION DEPICTS A WOMAN WALKING HER DOG; HOWEVER WE ONLY SEE THEIR LOWER LEGS AND FEET NEXT TO THE DOG. BALLA CREATES APPARENT MOTION BY USING REPETITION THROUGH THE SUPERIMPOSITION OF THE FIGURES AND THE LEASH. HE ALSO BLURS THE FIGURE ADDING TO THAT MOTION EFFECT.

IMPLIED MOVEMENT



IMPLIED MOVEMENT IS THE DEPICTION OF AN ACTION THAT IS ABOUT TO OCCUR. THIS CAN ALSO BE A TRANSITION BETWEEN TWO MOVEMENTS. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS IS 'EL JALEO' (1882) BY AMERICAN ARTIST JOHN SINGER SARGEANT, WHERE WE SEE HOW THE SPANISH DANCER IS RETRAYED IN A PRECARIOUS POSTURE APPARENTLY AS IF SHE WILL TOPPLE OVER ANY MOMENT BECAUSE OF HER OFF-BALANCE. HOWEVER WE CAN ALSO SEE THAT SHE IS A DANCER AS THERE ARE MUSICIANS IN THE BACKGROUND, WHICH GIVES US MORE VISUAL CONTEXT AND WE CAN ASSUME SHE IS MID-MOVEMENT, DANCING. IN THIS IMAGE, WE SEE HOW THE ART ELEMENT OF SPACE IS UTILISED BECAUSE OF HOW SARGENT ARRANGES THE FIGURE'S POSTURE IN THE COMPOSITIONAL SPACE, GIVING HER THE DANCE FLOOR IN THE FOREGROUND TO TRANSITION INTO A DIFFERENT MOVEMENT.

GUIDED MOVEMENT

GUIDED MOVEMENT SIMPLY MEANS THAT A COMPOSITION GUIDES OUR EYE TOWARDS A SINGULAR FOCAL POINT OR A BUSIER COMPOSITION WITH VARIOUS NARRATIVES. THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH UNILINE PERSPECTIVE. THE MOST FAMOUS EXAMPLE OF THIS IS DA VINCI'S DEPICTION OF THE LAST SUPPER.



I AIM TO EXPLORE TRANSITION AND MOVEMENT MORE, ESPECIALLY BALLA'S IDEA OF LAVERING TO EXPRESS MOTION. IT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTING TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE EFFECTS OF OVERALL BODY LANGUAGE ON IMPLIED MOVEMENT ALSO TAKING INSPIRATION FROM ADAM LUPTON WHO REPRESENTS TRANSITION RATHER SUCCESSFULLY AND WITH A VARIETY OF POWERFUL SKETCHES.

215 MINUTES PER POSE -



ROYAL ACADEMY - LIFE DRAWING CLASS
THE PURPOSE OF THESE EXERCISES WAS TO DEVELOP TRADITIONAL DRAWING SKILLS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE CHANGES IN MUSCLE DEFINITION AND SHADE VALUES IN ACCORDANCE TO THE POSTURE OF THE MODEL. IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THE MOVEMENTS THE MODEL DID AFFECTED THE OVERALL ATTITUDE CONVEYED IN THE PIECE AND IT WAS USEFUL TO PRACTICE APPROACHING ANATOMY IN QUICK, BUSY SKETCHES.

15 min
CHARTER.



I FOUND IT SIGHTLY
DIFFICULT working with
charcoal, as I SHOULDED
WITH THE PAPER I WORKED.
IT WAS EASY TO MAKE A
SILKY LINE AND MAKE THE
HEAD THAT POSSIBLY SHOULD
REACHING OUT AS THEY
WERE MORE
INTERESTING THIS MORE
STILL, IN
AS THE CONTRAST IN
HARD FOLD AND SHADOW.

* think the sketch on the left
was my most successful from
the entire course. The shading
and highlights, particularly in the
crown of the male models head,
was well done and accurately
shows the shape and depth
of the head. The pose was
also very interesting and I found
it entertaining. The 'busy lines'
also gave the sketch more
character and personality.

SUTTON COLLEGE
LIFE DRAWING
COURSE.



EXPERIMENTING WITH SHUTTER SPEED TO SHOW MOVEMENT

WHEN RESEARCHING MOVEMENT IN CLASSICAL ART I THOUGHT THE PAINTING 'BURNING OF A DOG IN A LEATH' (1912) BY GIORGIO DECHI URGED REMINISCENCE OF LONG-EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE CONCEPT OF FOLLOWING THE MOVEMENT OF LIGHT. FOR THESE PHOTOS I EXPERIMENTED WITH THE EFFECTS OF SHUTTER SPEED, LIGHT AVAILABILITY AND HOW THE TIME OF DAY WOULD AFFECT THE FINAL RESULT OF THE PHOTO.

I FOUND THAT THE IMAGES TAKEN LATE AT NIGHT WERE MORE SUITABLE AND CREATED A MORE INTRIGUING IMAGE. ALSO, I FOUND A SUBJECT THAT IS A BOLD COLOUR, LIKE A RED BUS OR LIGHT, MADE FOR A MORE INTERESTING COMPOSITION. CAPTURING PEOPLE WALKING WAS DIFFICULT AS IT WOULD OFTEN BLUR TO THE POINT THEY WERE UNRECOGNISABLE.

THE IMAGES TAKEN ON THE TRAM ROAD PROVIDED THE CLEAREST RESULTS WITH LITTLE NOISE. THE TECHNIQUE WAS SUITABLE FOR PHYSICALLY REPRESENTING MOVEMENT AND TRANSITION FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. I FOUND THAT IT CAN GIVE AN IMAGE MORE LIFE AS IT POPS OUT THE ACTION AND CREATES THE FEELING OF MOVEMENT.

TAKEN USING NIKON D50. [D50]

I FOUND THE CONTRAST OF THE DARKNESS AND THE CAR LIGHTS WORKED WELL TO SHOW THE LINE OF MOVEMENT.

MSH

THE BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHER KNOWN ONLY AS 'MSH' MANAGES TO CAPTURE THE KINETIC ENERGY OF LONDON WHILE ALSO USING THE EVENING LIGHT TO MAKE IT FEEL ALMOST SLOW MOTION. THESE URBAN SCENES WERE TAKEN ON A NIKON D50 AND ARE TAKEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU FEEL AS IF YOU ARE PART OF THE ACTION. MSH VERY ELEGANTLY PLAYS AROUND WITH LONG EXPOSURE TO ALLOW THE LIGHT TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE SCENE TO CREATE THESE LONG LINES AND TRAILS, HAVING BUT THE LIVELY CITY.

I USED THEIR WORK AS THE FINAL IMAGES VERY MUCH SHOW A FRAGILE OF TIME WHICH IS THE ONLY CONCEPT THAT ORIGINALLY MADE ME INTERESTED IN LONG-EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY. THE SHOT INVOLVED SPEED, HEAT, TO BLUR AND SHOW MOMENTUM, TO CAPTURE THE MOOD OF A LEAD. MSH FAVOURS VERY SHARP AND BALANCED IMAGES. THE RED COLOURS FROM THE BUSES AND TAIL LIGHTS WORK WELL TO CAPTURE A FLAME AND THE BUSYNESS OF CITY LIFE. CARS IN PARTICULAR ARE AN INTERESTING SUBJECT FOR LONG-EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY BECAUSE THE TECHNIQUE IS DEPENDENT ON LIGHT EXPOSURE AND CARS ARE FONDLED FOR LIGHT POLLUTION. I TOOK INSPIRATION FROM MY COMPOSITION AND TIME MY OWN CITY SCENES.

FRANCESCA WOODMAN

FRANCESCA WOODMAN WAS AN AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER WHO USED LONG EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY TO CREATE HAUNTING SELF-PORTRAITS CONVEYING AN UNDERLYING SENSE OF HUMAN PENITENCE. SHE OFTEN PHOTOGRAPHED HERSELF NUDE OR SEMI-NUDE AND IS USUALLY HALF-HIDDEN OR OBSCURED. ADDITIONALLY SHE EXPLORED THE BLUR OF THE LONG EXPOSURE AS A FORM OF DISTORTION AND TO CREATE THESE SHARPLY FOCUSED IN THE FINAL IMAGE.

THE LONG EXPOSURE ALLOWS FOR HER TO CAPTURE THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THE STATES. WOODMAN CONTINUALLY EXPLORED AND TESTED WHAT SHE COULD DO WITH PHOTOGRAPHY. SHE CHALLENGED THE IDEA THAT A CAMERA FIND TIME AND SPACE BY MANIPULATING LIGHT, MOVEMENT AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EFFECTS.

HER PHOTOGRAPH EXPLORES MANY THEMES THAT APPLY TO YOUNG PEOPLE SUCH AS, DEPRESSION, SECURITY, A QUEST FOR SELF, BODY IMAGE, ALIENATION, ISOLATION AND EXPANSION OR AMBIGUITY. WITHOUT PERSONAL IDENTITY, MOST PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED OR DON'T EVEN IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND HOW THEY WOULD SEE OTHERS TO SEE THEM. WOODMAN'S PICTURES ARE THOUGHTFULLY STAGED. SHE CREATED AN IMAGINED REALITY THROUGH HER USE OF LOCATIONS, MANUFACTURED SETTING, FAIRS AND THE like. SHE WOULD OFTEN ARRANGE THE WAY SHE CAN CREATE THESE ALMOST FAIRY TALES BY POSITIONING THE NATURAL AND ALSO MANMADE. ALL THESE DEEP INTRINSIC MEANINGS WHICH IS SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO DO IN MY OWN WORK.

VORONA ECATERINA

7 WAYS IN WHICH MOVEMENT CAN BE EXPRESSED THROUGH ABSTRACT ART THROUGH POSTURE AND POSES.

CATERINA VORONA IS A CONTEMPORARY PAINTER WHO FOLLOWS ON EXPRESSIONISTIC, FIGURATIVE PAINTING. SHE LIKES TO IMMERSE HERSELF IN AN IMMENSE WORLD OF HER CHARACTERS, FULL OF PASSION AND TENSION. SHE ALWAYS USES VIVID COLOURS TO CREATE HIGH CONTRASTS, COMPOSITIONS AND CONTRASTS BETWEEN TEXTURED AND FLAT-COLOURED SURFACES TO CONVEY THE CONCEPT TO THE VIEWER IN HER "WOMAN PAINTING" SERIES. THE INTERACTION BETWEEN EACH CHARACTER IS UNDETERMINED, IN SOME WAY TO MAKE THEM APPEAR TO BE DANCING OR SWAYING & FIGHTING TOGETHER. THE COMPOSITION AND THE WAY EACH CHARACTER IS INTERLINKED, CREATES A HIGHLY PASSIONATE INTERACTION. SHE SAYS IT IS BE "AFFECTED BY A SINGLE POWERFUL FORCE - BE IT MUSIC, MIND OR GRAVITY". THE CONCEPT BEHIND HER ART IS TO SHOW AND ENHANCE THE INFLUENCE THE ENVIRONMENT BY LETTING THE COLOUR OF THE AMBIANCE INFLUENCE THE COLOUR OF THE FIGURES. THE MAIN THEMES IN HER WORK ARE UNCHANGING HUMAN BODY AND DESTINY.



IN ABSTRACT PAINTING

HISTORICALLY, WHEN HUMANS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED IN ART THEY ARE USUALLY POSITIONED IN SUCH A WAY TO APPEAL APPEALING TO MEN. WHEN DECOLY DANCING POSES IN ART, WOMEN ARE OFTEN ILLUSTRATED IN LEISURELY POSES, LYING ON A BED WITH LITTLE TO NO CLOTHES ON, TO CREATE THIS IMAGE OF SEDUCTION. THE POSTURE HAS THE POWER TO SHARE THE WHOLE IT HAS ON THE VIEWER. VORONA VERY ELEGANTLY POSES THE WOMEN TO LOOK RELAXED AND AT PEACE EVEN WITH ALL THESE STRETCHED LINES STRETCHED THROUGHOUT THE PAINTING.



IN MY OWN WORK I WANT TO EXPERIMENT WITH MORE ABSTRACT MOVEMENTS TO HELP FREE THE FLOW IN MY COMPOSITIONS. VORONA MANAGES TO CREATE THESE GRACEFUL PAINTINGS BY USING SMOOTH LINES AND ELEGANT BRUSH STROKES. WITHOUT PLOW LINES THE WORK WOULD BE CHAOTIC OR STATIC. FLOW ALLOWS FOR AN IMAGE TO APPEAL MORE ETHEREAL. VORONA'S WORK IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW POSTURE AND POSES CAN AFFECT THE IMPLICATION OF MOVEMENT IN A PAINTING.

ENRICO ROBUSTI

7 WAYS IN WHICH MOVEMENT CAN BE EXPRESSED THROUGH ABSTRACT ART USING PERSPECTIVE

FOOD, DEPICTED FACES AND DISTORTED PERSPECTIVES ARE A COMMON DENOMINATOR IN ROBUSTI'S WORK. HE ILLUSTRATES IDEAS OF HYGIENE, HUNGER, FAMILY AND LOVE, ENCAPSULATING NOT ONLY MUCH OF ITALIAN SOCIETY BUT SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. HIS PAINTINGS GIVE US AS THE VIEWERS A CHANCE TO SPY ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PEOPLE'S HOUSES, IN RESTAURANTS AND OUT IN THE STREETS. INITIALLY WHEN LOOKING AT HIS WORK I WAS SLIGHTLY FRIGHTENED. HE TAKES A VERY EXTREME APPROACH TO PERSPECTIVE, CREATING THESE OBSCURE, UNUSUAL FAIRS AND OVERALL BIZARRE GROTESQUE CHARACTERS. I WAS MORE INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN THE PERSPECTIVE HE CHOSE. IT IS NOT ONLY A POWERFUL TOOL TO GRAB YOUR ATTENTION BUT ALSO CLEVERLY CREATIVES A SENSE OF MOVEMENT. THE PERSPECTIVE IS ALMOST STRETCHED. IT MAKES FOR A VERY OVERWHELMING PAINTING AS THE FISH-EYE LENS CREATES A WIDE VIEW, ALLOWING HIM TO ILLUSTRATE MANY DIFFERENT SCENES.



INTERVIEWING NOW IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT PERSPECTIVE HE PAINTS THESE FROM AS IT CHANGES DEPENDING ON WHICH CHARACTERS YOU FOCUS ON

SAME WE LOOKING UP OR DOWN THE STAIRS?



IN "LA BUCCELLA DEL DIABOLI"
PART OF ROBUSTI'S "MADE IN ITALY" SERIES.

EVERYONE EATING → REPRESENTS CULTURAL DETAIL.

HIS PARTICULAR USE OF THE FISH-EYE PERSPECTIVE RESULTS IN AN EXTREMELY WIDE-ANGLE WARPS EFFECT ALSO KNOWN AS BARREL DISTORTION. ROBUSTI PAINTED ITALY LIKE EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY WISHED IT WAS LIKE IF "WE MANAGED TO FREE OURSELVES FROM THAT NEGATIVITY THAT WEIGHS DOWN ON US EVERYWHERE" AND HE DREW ATTENTION TO THE COMIC TRAGEDY OF ITALIAN ROUTHS. HE THREW ALL THE IMAGES FOR HIS "FOOD, SEX AND HORNY" SERIES ARE TAKEN FROM A BIRD'S EYE VIEW ALTHOUGH AS IF TO GIVE THE VIEWER INSIGHT THEY WOULDN'T NORMALLY GET. THE PERSPECTIVE ALSO ALLOWS FOR FLOW AND CONTINUITY THROUGHOUT THE PAINTING AND THE VENGE CAN VISUALLY MOVE THROUGH EACH ASPECT OF IT.



THIS IMAGE IS A GREAT VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF GREED AND SELFISHNESS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY. IT IS PLENTY TO GIVE UP YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN YET HER SHE APPEARS TO BE STANDING IN DISCOMFORT AND THERE IS NO INDICATION OR MOTIVATION TO HELP HER. IN FACT, PEOPLE JUST LOOK ANNOYED AND EQUALLY UNCOMFORTABLE.

SHOW GREAT INTRIGUATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE
+ PREGNANT, YOUNG, OLD, ETC.
LOOK LIKE TRAMPES

PEOPLE LOAMMED IN

ART IN MOTION

> PORTRAYING MOVEMENT IN ABSTRACT ART



THE CONCEPT OF ART IN MOTION WAS largely inspired by artist WILL KIM WHO ANIMATES HIS PORTRAITS USING WATERCOLOUR AND PASTELS. HIS ART REFLECTS THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND COLOURS, FIGURATIVE RHYTHM, MOVEMENT, AND SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS. I FOUND THIS TO BE A VERY LIBERATING TECHNIQUE AS I CARED LESS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE FINAL IMAGE AND MORE ABOUT CONSISTENTLY MOVING.



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FOR THIS EXERCISE MY AIM WAS TO PUT A LOT OF ENERGY INTO THE PIECE I WAS CREATING. I WANTED TO MOVE AWAY FROM MY TRADITIONAL PAINTING STYLE OF DETAIL AND INTERACTIVITY, AND CHALLENGED MYSELF TO CREATE A PAINT WITHOUT STOPPING AND PAUSING FOR THE LARGE PAINTING (5). I MADE MY OWN PAINTBOOKS USING STRING, FABRIC AND OLD MAKEUP SPONGES TO EXPERIMENT WITH THE WAY I WAS APPLYING PAINT.



VALERIA DUCA

VALERIA DUCÀ IS A SKILLED CONTEMPORARY PAINTER WHO PORTRAYS SMALL MOMENTS, SPLETS OF TRUTH AND FRAGMENTS OF STORIES. SHE PAINTS LARGELY IN A REALISTIC STYLE, CAPTURING DEEP PASSION AND EMOTION IN EACH OF HER SUBJECTS. HER PASSION FOR UPLIFTING EACH PIECE CONSISTS OF LENGTHY INTERACTIONS WITH THE PERSON DEPICTED. THIS ALLOWS FOR A LEVEL OF INTIMACY AND OPENNESS THAT IS DIFFICULT TO RECREATE OTHERWISE.

HER PAINTING HELP HER "MAKE SENSE OF THE WORLD" AND ALLOW US TO UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE WHO SURROUND HER. SHE PAINTS ABOUT BEING LOST AND BROKEN, OVERWHELMING FEELINGS AND DEPRESSION AND THE ABSURDITY OF LIFE AS IT IS A FEELING THAT MANY PEOPLE RELATE TO. PREVIOUSLY, DUCÀ'S WORK HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS FLIRTING WITH THE SURREAL. I WAS INITIALLY DRAWN TO HER PIECES OF PEOPLE IN BED OR SLEEPING IN CERTAIN PLACES AS THEY HAD A CERTAIN FEELING OF COMFORT. THOSE IMAGES FEEL STIL AND PEACEFUL YET SO LOADED WITH EMOTIONS. THE POSTURE OF SOME OF HER SLEEPING SUBJECTS MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THEY WERE DESPERATE FOR THAT MOMENT OF REST. HER PIECES ARE VERY ENGAGING AS THEIR PERSPECTIVE OFTEN FEELS INTIMATE - MOMENTS YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WATCH AND ANALYSE.

SHE ALWAYS ESTABLISHES A CERTAIN LEVEL OF INTIMACY BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND THE VIEWER, ALLOWING THEIR COMPLEX STORYLINES TO BE SHARED.

HANDS GRIPPING AND PULLING ALMOST AS IF TO DESPAIR

HANDS, COULD BE SYMBOLISM OF A FIGHT
DESPAIR



I WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE HANDS SHE CREATED WITH THE MULTIPLE LAYERED IMAGES OF PEOPLE IN THE PAINTING ON THE LEFT. SHE PAINTS MULTIPLE HANDS AND ARMS ALMOST IN A BATTLE WITH EACH OTHER IN BED. WE ARE UNSURE WHO THE FIGURES ARE AS THIS COULD BE SYMBOLISM FOR THE BATTLE PEOPLE HAVE TO HAVE WITH THEMSELVES TO GET UP IN THE MORNING BUT COULD ALSO BE WITH TWO SEPARATE SUBJECTS. THE REPEATED USE OF BLACK AND WHITE CREATES A FAKE SENSE OF SECURITY FOR THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE CONVEYED IN THE IMAGE. EQUALLY IF YOU SIMPLIFIED THE IMAGE JUST INTO BLACK AND WHITE IT WOULD LOOK LIKE A CRASHING WAVE. I ENJOY THE AMBIGUITY OF THE PIECE AS IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY MORE THOUGHT PROVOKING THE CLOSER YOU LOOK.

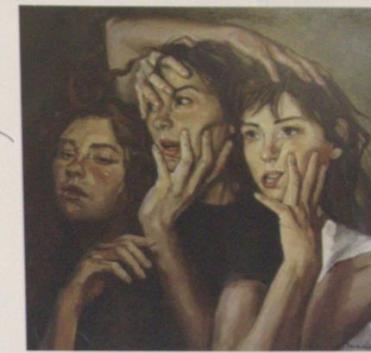


A MELANCHOLIC LYRICISM ABOUT ACCEPTANCE

SHOWS NO SIGNS OF STRUGGLE; NOT A PARTICULARLY COMFORTABLE PORTRAYAL A SLIGHTLY EMPTY FEEL, NOT OVERWHELMED BY ANY PARTICULAR EMOTION.

INSPIRATION FOR FINAL PIECE

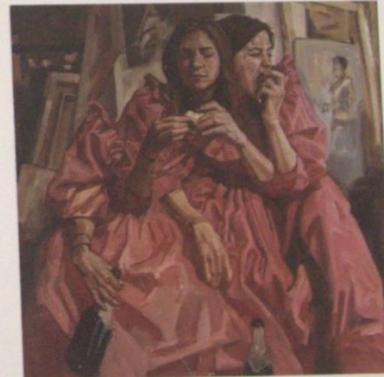
FOR MY FINAL PIECE I WANT TO TALK INSPIRATION FROM THE WAY THE LAYERS HER SUBJECTS TO SHOW VARIATION IN EMOTIONS. I WANT TO ALSO EXPLOIT THE LAYERING TO MOVEMENT BETWEEN VARIOUS POSES AND REALLY PLAY WITH THE IDEA OF MOMENTS IN TIME.



THE SADDER EMOTIONS IN THE DARKER ARE - PLAY AROUND WITH LIGHTING EFFECTS, LINKS TO REMBRANDT'S CHIAROSCURO

"THE THREE GRACES"

LA THIS IS A SUBJECT REPEATED IN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES THROUGHOUT ART HISTORY - THIS PAINTING IS A MODERN INTERPRETATION OF THE MOTIF



THE ACTIONS CHANGING REMINDS ME OF TAKING A TIME LAPSE OF SOMEONE DOING A TASK - THE WAY THE MOVEMENTS LOOK REALLY ROBOTIC AND STIFF WHEN SPEEDED UP - THIS WOULD BE A REPRESENTATION OF PARTICULAR MOMENTS IN THE TIME LAPSE.

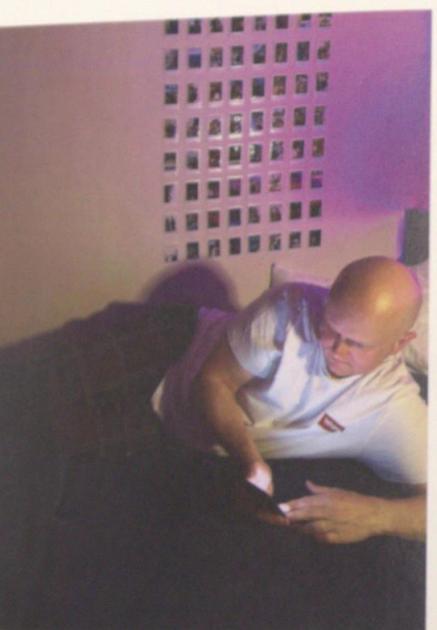
→ THE LAYERS ALSO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF DEPTH - SO PAINTINGS HAVE IT A MORE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR THE VIEWER AND THEN IT'S EASIER TO FIND IT RELATABLE.

→ FOR MY FINAL COMPOSITION I WANT TO PLAY AROUND WITH THIS CONCEPT OF REPETITION AND VARIED POSES - ALSO TAKING INSPIRATION FROM THE WORK OF ABRAHAM JUTON IN THE WAY THAT HE SHOWS MOTION AND TRANSITION BY CREATING A BLUR BETWEEN THE CHARACTERS

"UNTITLE"

DUCÀ USED THE SAME DRESS IN HER DEPICTION OF "THE MAN IN THE PINK DRESS" WHICH SHE MADE OF PETER ELLTON IN REFERENCE TO "THE COLOURFUL PERSONALITY AND INDEFINABLE JOYS" - AIMING TO CAPTURE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN BEING THE FATHER AND THE CHILD.

I PARTICULARLY ADMIRE THE CONTINUITY BETWEEN THE SUBJECT, THOUGH THE DRESS, ALMOST AS IF TO REINFORCE TRANSITION AND VARIATION OVER TIME.

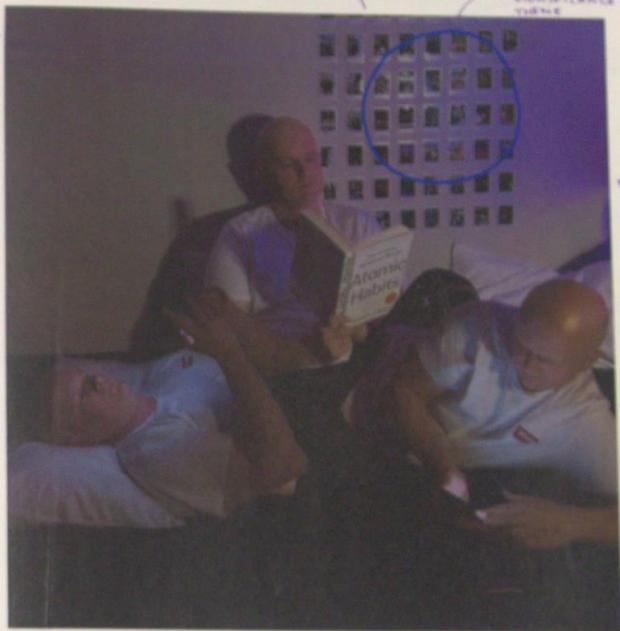


RAW FINAL IMAGES

I CHOSE THESE IMAGES IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF THE VERY LR IMAGE THE LIGHT WAS HITTING THIS FACE AS THE SHADOW CAST ON THE WALL MADE FOR A SIGNIFICANTLY MORE INTERESTING COMPOSITION AS IT MEANT THE WALL WASN'T SIMPLY PLAIN. I MADE SURE THE LEVEL OF PURED LIGHTING WAS CONSISTENT AMONGST ALL THE PHOTOS TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULD LOOK MORE UNIQUES THEY WERE TAKEN WITH THE SAME FRAME OF TIME IN THE FINAL EDIT. ALTOGETHER I THINK THESE SPECIFIC IMAGES WOULD FLOW THE BEST INTO EACH OTHER SO MUCH THEREFORE MADE THE BEST RESULT FROM THE OVERALL CONCEPT OF MOTION AND TENSION. THE POSIS ALSO WERE MADE TO MAINTAIN INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PICS - EACH FIGURE SHOWS A DIFFERENT PART OF THE PAGE.

DIGITAL EDITING

THE PURPOSE OF THIS FILE IS TO EXPLORE COMPLEX EDITING AND WHAT TO SIMPLIFY EDITING TO EXPRESS IT THROUGH VISUAL ART.



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TO
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THE PICS

THE DEPTH IN
THE DIGITAL EDIT
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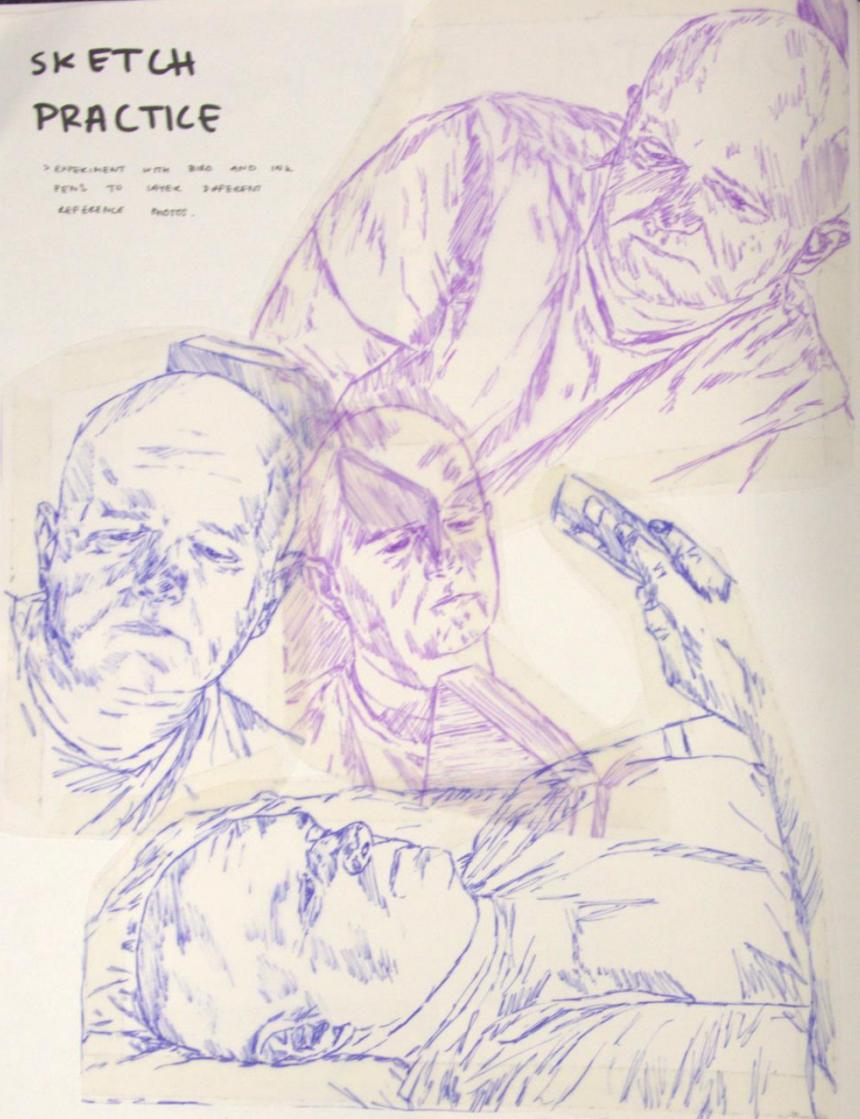
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THE IMAGE OF
THE BED SHEET AND
THE CLOTHES (DARK
TRUCKS AND SOCS)
CREATE ONE BELL
OR DARK COLOURS
- WANT MORE VARIATION

SKETCH PRACTICE

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