

Lauren Nielsen is a woman born in 2002 in Florida and now lives in Savannah, Georgia, attending the Savannah College of Art and Design. Lauren is receiving her BFA in Painting in 2024 and is currently working as an after-school art teacher for a local studio. Living in Florida influenced her opinions because of the availability she had to experience beautiful nature. Among these experiences, she has also seen a fair share of humans' adverse effects on the environment. She attended the Academy of Environmental Science during her high school years, which further piqued her interest in wildlife preservation. Lauren's work advocates for the natural world, using bright colors and flat shapes to subdue the chaos of the subject matter. By rendering these naturalistic (whether optimistic or pessimistic) scenes, Lauren's visual comments can appeal to the interests of a wide demographic audience to spread environmental awareness. Once there is an idea in her mind, whether from documentaries, the news, personal experiences, or social media, she represents the stories in collages made from free images as a reference for her larger work. She provokes the hidden secrets and lies from mass media and transforms them in a way that it seems like a whimsical fairytale, primarily in oil or acrylic on canvas, sometimes dabbling in paper collage or drawing.