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The Heart of the Lower Story: Thesis Exhibition

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Artist Statement:

“The Heart of the Lower Story” is based around the Scottish town of Douglas, my family’s ancestral home, as well as from other places I traveled to during my time abroad. Living abroad confirms my inherent source of motivation and inspiration because I was able to connect with those who live in Scotland and visited places my family has been for centuries. I chose to practice mixed media in order to create a variety of pieces to demonstrate my skills as an artist.

The short documentary of locals from the area sharing their personal stories and memories from long ago connects me to my family’s roots and in doing so provides a deeper meaning of “The Lower Stories.” Travelling and documenting my trip to represent was a way for me to share my experiences through the medium of film. While gaining a deeper meaning in my work, I believe this special subject will enable me to grow as an artist and develop personal connections I have been missing.

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Present Address

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Permanent Address

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Education

Master of Arts (April 2015)
Bachelor of Arts (December 2014)
Majors: Film, Video, and Media Studies
Art: BA program

Video and Art Work Experience and Activities

Douglass Community Association

January 2014- Present

- Website/Graphic Designer
- Responsible for creating web content and maintenance
- Event photographer
- Create pamphlets and brochures for the organization
- Interview and film video testimonials from organization members

Creative Stirling Intern

June 2013 – September 2013

- Assistant Curator for 1ne4ourzero2014 Art Exhibition.
- Update various platforms of social media.
- Project Development Assistant Created and implemented monthly personnel recognition
- Photographer and Videographer for Creative Stirling

Kalamazoo Book Arts Center Intern

December 2012 – 2013

- Provided assistance to the instructors with current printmaking projects
- Assist in the supervision of classes
- Collaborated with others to ensure facilities are clean, safe, and maintained
- Set up for incoming events and exhibitions

Rope Factory

July 2013

- Main photographer for event
- Volunteered with Scottish non-profit organization, Ice Cream Architecture, to create a street art installation for the Merchant City Festival

Mural Painting

August 2013

- Webberville High School mural painting

Modern Painters Society

August 2013 - Present

- School of Art student organization for working artists

MODA

January 2012-August 2013

- Produced and directed fashion show designer videos
- Responsible for the art direction and set design for their spring and fall shows files
- Participated as a model in their fashion shows
- Wrote and recorded a promotions advertisement for WMUK radio station

MAIN EVENT- Motor City Automotive Industry Night

January 2011-January 2013

- Worked as a fashion show coordinator and designer contact for their events
- Provided video work and promotions
- Participated as a model for the auto show

Little Sprouts Chuck the Runway

August 2012

- Provided assistance in organizing and setting up their children's fashion show
- Created the artwork and set design for the event

Residence Hall Mural Painting

March 2011, April 2012

- Painted two fifteen-foot murals for Britton Hall on WMU's campus as inspiration for students

Honors and Awards

-*The Heart of the Lower Story* Solo Art Exhibition

-*Spare Change* Competitive Art Exhibition (2013)

-Gwen Frostic School of Art Scholarship (2012, 2013)

-Creative Activity Scholarship Award (2013)

-Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition (2012)

-College of Fine Arts Scholarship (2011, 2012, 2013)

-*Book Arts in Venice* Art Exhibition- Kalamazoo Book Arts Center (September 2012)

-*Lost in Venezia*- contributing author/artist for class publication in Venice (2012)

-CNN and Reporters Without Borders World Press Freedom Video Contest- 1st Place
National Winner (May 2012)

-Third Coast Film Festival short film entries (April 2012)

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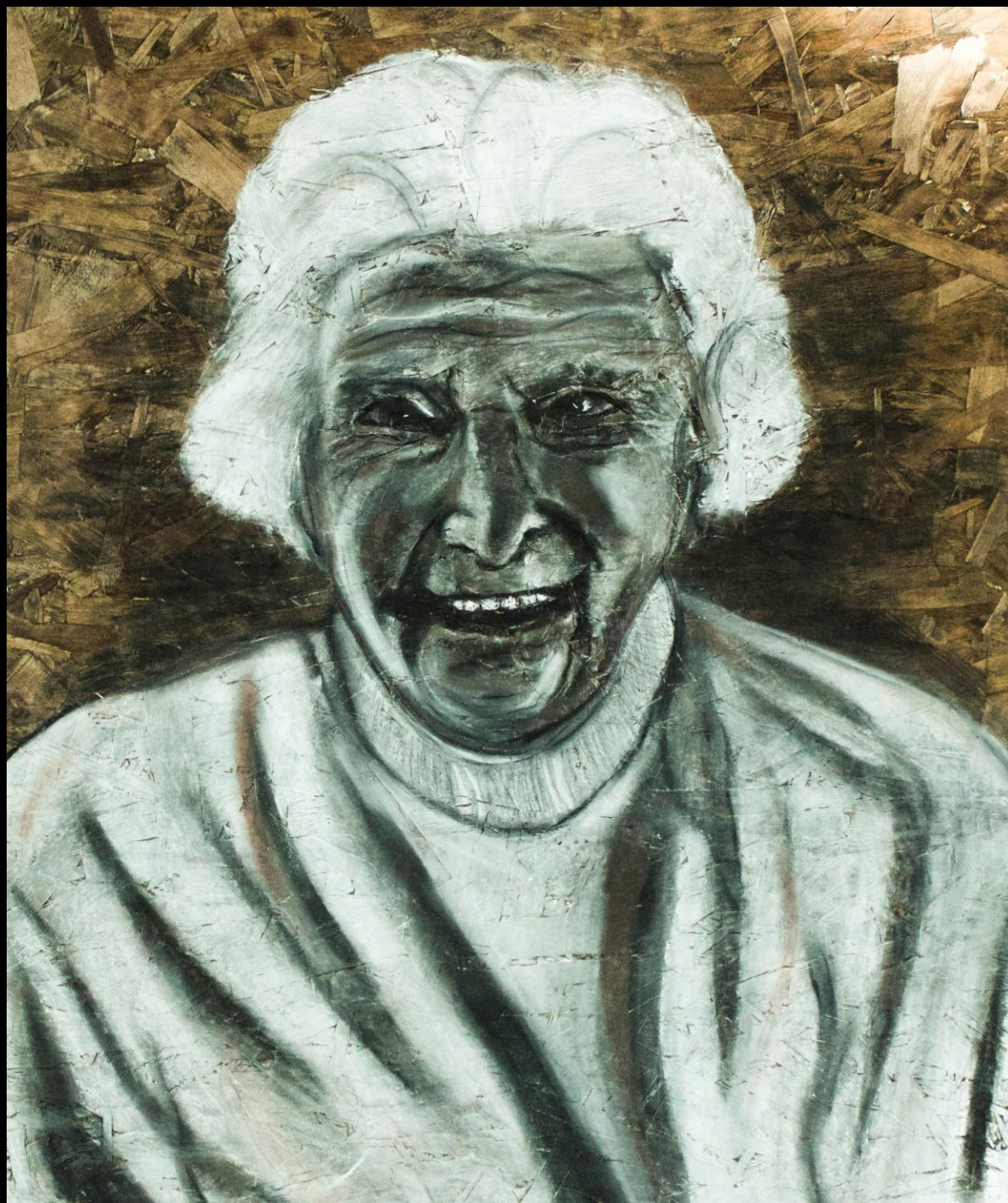
THESIS EXHIBITION

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87, Main St
Douglas,
Lawrence
Mo. 11-0

Dear Louise,
Just a short note &
you are still enjoying your stay
Scotland, no doubt you will be
forward to going back home & to
let us know how you & Dad & Tom

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87, Main St
Dougha S.
Lawark
ML 11-0

Dear Mother,
Just a short note &
you are still enjoying your stay
Scotland, no doubt you will be
forward to going back home & the
the full time from the Dad. Tom.

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