



Artist Statement

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In a painting, a major goal of mine is to capture a mundane situation and make it interesting and beautiful. It is the unassuming relationships between people, and the excitement or sometimes lack thereof in human interactions that I find potentially interesting. These moments are generally unnoticeable, but by translating the image into a painting and taking liberties with color, light, and pattern, I am able to make the beauty of the situation the focus.

I try to create interest in these situations not only by capturing an image in which the narrative is exciting, but also by making the image visually interesting through use of color and texture. I want the colors to challenge what you expect colors to do, and the textures and patterns to decorate an otherwise mundane image. I might exaggerate color and use pattern that is not actually there. Formally, I would like the shapes, colors and patterns to stand on their own, while also highlighting a narrative.

I would like the viewer to be able to really consider the people in my paintings in a way that they would not be able to do if they had run into the situation off the canvas. They can stare at the painting for a time that would not be allowed in real life; they can digest the situation, and come to an understanding of the people in it. Then, ultimately, with the help of color and pattern they can see the beauty in an everyday situation.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Original Format</u>
Figure 1:	Made You laugh	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 2' x 3'
Figure 2:	Parking Lot Play	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 3'x 4'
Figure 3:	Grocery Store Play	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 3'x4'
Figure 4:	Conversation so Good that his Coffee got Cold	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 2.5' x 5'
Figure 5:	Desperation and a Stuffed Dog	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 2.5'x3'
Figure 6:	Two Intent Listeners	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 3.5" x 4
Figure 7:	Two Intent Listeners Detail	Painting	Oil on Canvas
Figure 8:	Polka Dots at Table Six	Painting	Oil on Canvas, 4' x 4'
Figure 9:	Polka Dots at Table Six Detail	Painting	Oil on Canvas,



Figure 1: Made You laugh.



Figure 2: Parking Lot Play.

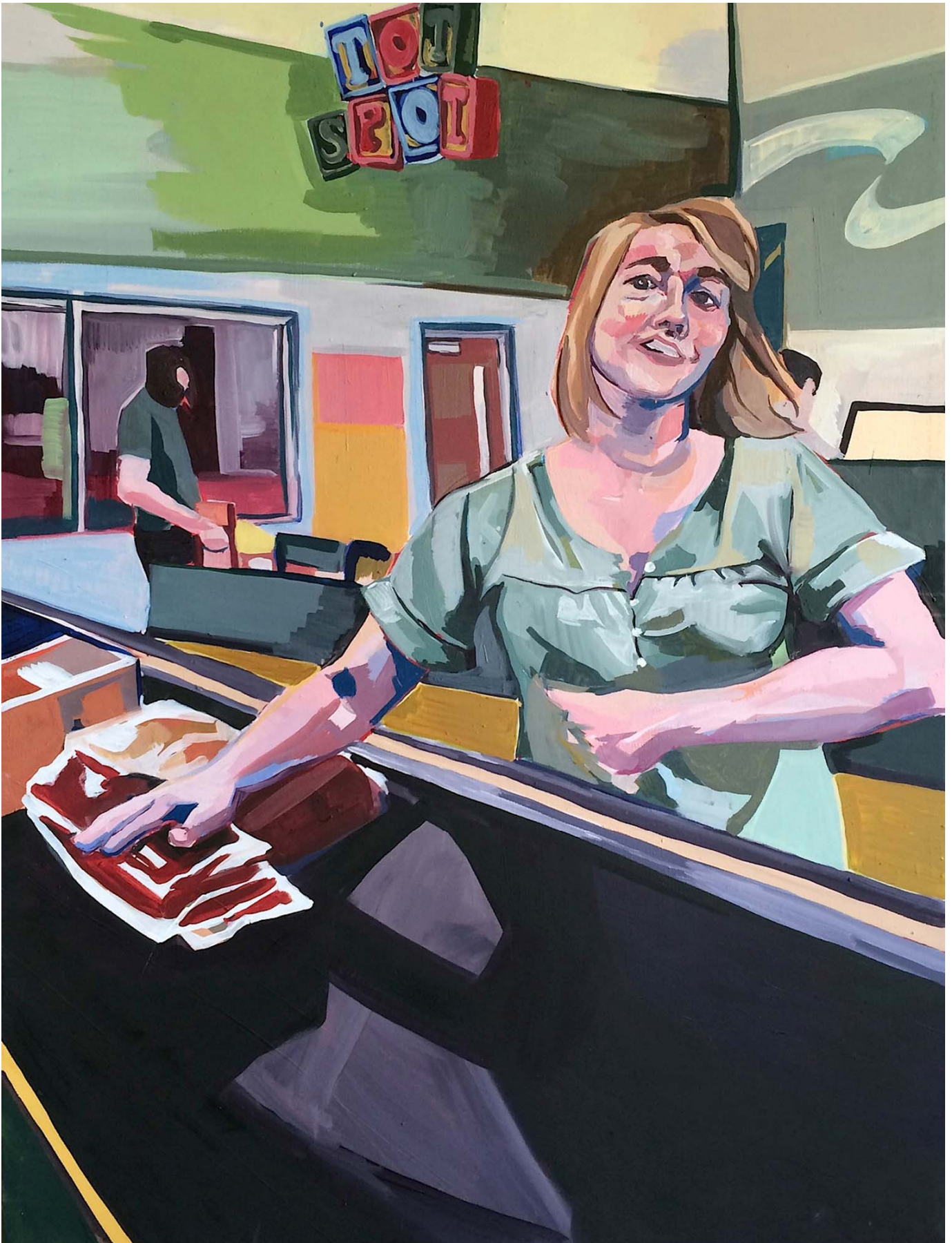


Figure 3: Grocery Store Play.



Figure 4: Conversation so Good that his Coffee got Cold.



Figure 5: Desperation and a Stuffed Dog.



Figure 6: Two Intent Listeners.



Figure 7: Two Intent Listeners Detail.



Figure 8: Polka Dots at Table Six.



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