# Crystal Jennings Artist’s Statement

The subject matter of my work combines the real with the imaginary. While being completely realistic is not my primary goal, I strive to reach a certain level of detailed realism with each drawing. When viewing highly detailed artwork created in shades of gray, I think the gaze lingers a little longer – you are forced to look deeper into the work to find the story. My wish is the viewer wonders about and creates their own narrative to reside within my work. Ultimately, I hope that through my drawings I provide a few moments of visual and mental escapism.

I am influenced by my children, nature and the surreal side of life.

# Crystal Jennings Bio

Crystal Jennings was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Crystal is primarily a self-taught artist - though she did attend art school at Columbia College Chicago, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a concentration in Art and Design. After nearly a decade of operating a hand painted wedding stationary business, she is now concentrating on adding to and exhibiting her body of work. Recently, her work has been exhibited in Hot Springs, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Jonesboro’s Bradbury Art Museum, and toured Arkansas with the Art Council’s Small Works on Paper. Crystal is primarily a graphite and charcoal artist. Her subject matter focuses on portraiture mixed with the imaginary. You can follow Crystal's work on Instagram at @crystalj\_draws and Facebook at @cjenningsartist.

# Crystal Jennings Artist’s CV

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Columbia College Chicago

Recent Exhibitions

2018

May-August, Delta de Refuses, Butler Center, Little Rock, Arkansas

August-October, Pine Bluff Art League Juried Exhibition, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

2019

March-May, Next Generation Exhibition, Landmark Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas

August-October, Pine Bluff Art League Juried Exhibition, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

2020

August-November, Radius 1, Bradbury Art Museum, Jonesboro, Arkansas

August-October, Pine Bluff Art League Juried Exhibition, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

September Drawn Exhibition, Acansa Gallery, North Little Rock, Arkansas

2021

Small Works on Paper, Arkansas

August-September, Solo Exhibition, Reynolds Center, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

August-November, Pine Bluff Art League Juried Exhibition, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

September-October, SHE Exhibit, M2 Gallery, Little Rock, Arkansas

2022

Small Works on Paper, Arkansas

Awards

Pine Bluff Art League 2018 Exhibition, Honorable Mention

Pine Bluff Art League 2019 Exhibition, Honorable Mention, Best of Show

Pine Bluff Art League 2020 Exhibition, 3rd Place

Pine Bluff Art League 2021 Exhibition, Best of Show