

## Laura Elyse

Laura Elyse's work explores animals, nature, and maternal bonds through a diverse artistic approach encompassing sculpture, drawing, painting, and textiles. Rooted in a lifelong affinity for animals, Laura's artistic focus delves into the hidden realms of these creatures, unraveling untold stories that span from the past to the future. Her work reveals the profound interconnectedness between the natural world and humanity. Her 2D art captures wildlife, emphasizing the whimsy of nature and showcasing the natural beauty of animals through delicate details. Laura's 3D work is intertwined with themes of motherhood. Using textiles, her sculptures evoke warmth and openness, symbolizing the nurturing embrace of the natural world creating a tangible connection between art and emotion. Her art embodies themes of folklore, extinction, renewal, and sacrifice.

Laura was born in Kansas City, Kansas. She spent her childhood among nature preferring the company of animals to people. At an early age, she escaped into her drawings merging her love for art and animals. Laura moved to Colorado Springs in 2008 and Colorado quickly became home. She decided to return to school and started college in 2020 expanding her art studies, learning new mediums, and delving into 3D sculpture. Laura received first place in sculpture at the juried Spring 2022 Student Art Show at Pikes Peak State College. In 2022 she received her Associates of Art degree at Pikes Peak State College. She currently studies at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs and will receive her BA in Visual Art in the summer of 2024. She will be appearing in the annual senior exhibition *Sonder* at GOCA Marie Walsh Sharpe Gallery. She currently creates and lives in Monument, Colorado with her partner, their two children, and many pets.

Detail of *Tiny Worlds*, paper, clay, wool, Styrofoam, 12" sphere, 2023

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