

ABIGAIL DUDLEY

Abigail Dudley is a keen observer of light and the complexities of interior space. A recent graduate from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA) in Philadelphia PA, her work has garnered acclaim for its subtle, sophisticated use of color and deeply sensitive vision of the world around her. Abigail utilizes different modes of perceptual painting and invention to capture the small moments in life where everything and nothing coexists on the same plane. Her figures often fade and merge with backgrounds and interiors, gentle silhouettes in repose or contemplation, entwined with the very environments in which they inhabit. Influenced by the colors found in Italian frescos, her palettes are inherently light-focused. The compositions utilize transparent washes of color to establish complex conversations between sharp light and muted shadow.

While in the undergraduate program at PAFA, Abigail received The Raymond D. & Estelle Rubens Travel Scholarship for European travel, as well as being the recipient of the Elizabeth Greenshield Grant. In 2021, Abigail was the artist in residence at the Lois and Charles X. Carlson Landscape Residency, further expanding her understanding of exterior light and command of suggested movement. Her works reside in private collections throughout the US.

“When I am painting, I try to be present and engaged with the present moment. Many of my paintings depict seemingly small moments in life, but I hope to show the value and beauty that is found in the moments in life that are often looked over.”

Abigail currently works and resides in both New Jersey and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Born 1996, Mount Holly, NJ

Lives and works in both New Jersey and Lancaster, PA

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Newport Beach, CA - Kennedy Contemporary

EDUCATION

2017-2021, BFA the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia

2020, Lois and Charles X. Carlson Landscape Residency

2016-20, Mount Gretna School of Art, Summer Intensive and Studio Seminar

2015-17, Rowan College, Burlington

EXHIBITIONS

2023

Invention Observed, Solo Exhibition at Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York, NY

2022

24 x 24, Group Exhibition at Kennedy Contemporary, CA

Art at King Oaks: Featuring Abigail Dudley, Newton, PA

Three Women, Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects, New York, NY

5 to Watch, Avery Galleries, Bryn Mawr, PA

March Show, Red Raven Gallery, Lancaster, PA

2021

Heirlooms, Solo Exhibition, Exeter Gallery, Baltimore, MD

PAFA, Annual Student Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA

MGSOA Alumni Exhibition: Selected Small Works, Space Scribbles

Featured Emerging Artist, Red Raven Gallery, Lancaster, PA



2020

Summertime, Solo Exhibition, Oxford Art Alliance, Oxford, PA

29th Annual Juried Show, Bowery Gallery, Manhattan, NY

Juried Show-work in permanent collection, The Mini Museum, Philadelphia, PA

Small Works, The Plastic Club, Philadelphia, PA

Intimate Explorations, Clark Hill Law Office, Philadelphia, PA

New Members Exhibition, Plastic Club, Philadelphia, PA

2019

Collected Reflections, Solo Exhibition Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ

Plein Air, Paintings and Drawings, Lancaster Galleries, Lancaster, PA

Mount Gretna School of Art Benefit Auction-Promoted Alumni, Lancaster Galleries, Lancaster, PA

Considering the Nude, Four Person Show, Women/o, Philadelphia, PA

Pafa Annual Student Exhibition, Spring Prize Section, Philadelphia, PA

Studio Seminar Exhibition, Mount Gretna School of Art, Hall of Philosophy, Mount Gretna, PA

A Good Habit Formed: The Pafa Drawing Culture, PAFA, Philadelphia, PA

Make Me a Summary of Us, PAFA, Philadelphia, PA

Song of Colors, FMC Tower, Philadelphia, PA

2018

Pafa Annual Student Exhibition, Spring Prize Section, Philadelphia, PA

Edible Landscape Gala, Mount Gretna School of Art, Mount Gretna, PA

Studio Seminar Exhibition, Mount Gretna School of Art, Hall of Philosophy, Mount Gretna, PA

2017

Student Show, Mount Gretna School of Art, Hall of Philosophy, Mount Gretna, Pa

Edible Landscape Gala, Mount Gretna School of Art, Mount Gretna, PA

Annual Student Art Show, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA



2016

Student Show, Mount Gretna School of Art, Hall of Philosophy, Mount Gretna, PA

AWARDS

2022

Portrait Society of America, *The Future Generation*, Honorable Mention

2021

Frances M. Maguire Scholarship (Full-Ride), PAFA, 2017-2021

The Pennsylvania Governor's Award

The Gilbert Lewis Award

John Bradley Sutton Annual Portrait Award

Arthur De Costa Painting Prize-Special Notice

John F. and Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship

Fine Arts Venture Fund

2020

The Elizabeth Greenshield Foundation Grant

The Raymond D. & Estelle Rubens Travel Scholarship

First Place, Studio Seminar, Mount Gretna, PA

The Cecilia Beaux Memorial Prize

Fine Arts Venture Fund Award

Susan MacDowell Eakins Figure Painting Competition, 1st Place



2019

Franklin C. Watkins Memorial Grant

Charles Toppan Prize for Drawing

Plastic Club Award

Susan MacDowell Eakins Figure Painting Competition, 2nd Place

Thouron Prize

Frances D. Bergman Memorial Prize

Historic Yellow Spring Prize

Studio Seminar 2nd Place Prize, Mount Gretna, PA

2018

Hal and Linda Robinson Book Award

Michael G. Capuzzi Memorial Endowment

Susan MacDowell Eakins Figure Painting Competition, 2nd Place

Robert A. Ricker Memorial Prize

Sylvia G. Wexler Memorial Award

Eleanor S. Gray Prize for Still Life

Purchase Prize, Mount Gretna School of Art, Mount Gretna, PA

Best in Show, Studio Seminar, Mount Gretna, PA