



## Kelsey Gavin Artist Profile 2021

1. **Major and minor, graduation year:** Studio Art Major, Class of 2022
2. **What kind of media you work in:** I work in painting, printmaking, and some sculpture and installation-based work.
3. **Why do you make art:** I make art because it's an integral part of who I am, I feel like generally, in life, there is a lot to be expressed that can't always be successfully communicated through verbal means, and art fills in those gaps.
4. **The artists who you find most influential and why:** In terms of content, Luc Tuymans has been an absolute constant in the things I've been exploring thematically for the past few years . In terms of methods of abstraction, I'm inspired a lot by David Lynch.
5. **Briefly describe a recent art-related "Aha!" moment:** A recent "Aha!" moment would be the first time I made a successful print with the stencil method I'm working with. I had spent about two hours hunched over my desk, delicately carving out this stencil made from acetate. There had been a substantial amount of trial and error beforehand with other methods, so my expectations were exceedingly low. I applied the stencil and made the print using this acrylic concoction I make, and it came out so clean and crisp- it was just a feeling of relief and success that is quite hard to match.

