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# NIC Student Artwork on Display at Lewis Centre

Explore 'The Act of Painting' with NIC fine art and design students at the Courtenay Lewis Centre.

The exhibit showcases the work of five emerging artists who have studied painting at NIC's School of Fine Art and Design.

"These students and their works are remarkable," says NIC instructor Elizabeth Russell. "The School of Fine Art and Design wants to thank Carol Millar and all the Lewis Centre staff for supporting emerging artists."

The exhibit displays an eclectic range of thematic concerns, styles and techniques as each artist finds their unique voice through the act of painting. It includes:

- Theo Papanikolaou, a Fine Arts diploma student from Alberta, whose expressive paintings "splatter brain" and "into the void" explore the genres of photo realism and abstraction.
- Leslie Wynne, an artist and NIC Bachelor of Nursing degree student, whose representational paintings of "Mr. Bob" and "The Salon" express her ability to capture the humanity she experiences in everyday encounters with people in her life.
- Mike Hilland, an NIC Fine Arts diploma alumni and a talented musician, whose magical and haunting surreal scenes in paintings fluctuate from real life to dream states.
- Lesley-Anne Watts, an artist and NIC English Instructor, whose vibrant and lyrical works such as "The Troubles meet Jazz" reference her connections to Ireland and her interest in abstraction and craft practices.
- Suzanne Slattery, a multi-talented Design and Fine Arts diploma student, whose sultry portrait, "Supery Sailor" is a bold abstract work rich in technique and spirit.



*A selection of NIC Fine Art student work is now on display at the Courtenay Lewis Centre.*

The exhibit is free and available to view daily during Lewis Centre's operating hours.

NIC School of Fine Art and Design offers courses in digital media, design, printmaking, sculpture, drawing, photography, ceramics and art history.

Students interested in learning to paint or advancing their skills and talents in art and design can take individual courses or register in the Fine Arts diploma. For more information about the program, courses or prerequisites, email [questions@nic.bc.ca](mailto:questions@nic.bc.ca) or visit [www.nic.bc.ca/program/fine\\_arts\\_and\\_design](http://www.nic.bc.ca/program/fine_arts_and_design).

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