

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: The Urban Italian Project

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This project was inspired by my trip to Italy the summer of 2009. This project gave me the opportunity to express the beauty found within my hometown of Gary, Indiana. The process of creating these paintings has allowed me to look deeper within my community to find and redefine beauty. I possessed a new found freedom to experiment with imagery and different media outside of my personal comfort zone of oil painting and watercolor. I have gained knowledge of famous artists who think and create imagery that I can relate on a personal level. The paintings I created show a commitment to the process of collage and using various mediums to produce a cohesive piece of artwork. Just as the great African-American artists before me used simple imagery to address complicated issues, I too have created a series of work that speaks loudly about issues of beauty and history that some of us only whisper about.