

Rowayton Artist Mindy Green Featured in Juried Show

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An American painter John Sloan once said "Art is the result of a creative impulse derived out of a consciousness of life." And so it is with the Westport Arts Center's juried exhibit "The Figure Now" running through May 23.

Juried by Jennifer Gross, curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at Yale University, "The Figure Now" features 44 works by 35 artists, selected from submissions of over 350 works. "The images created embrace social, political and personal concerns that have been realized in well-considered aesthetic forms," said Ms. Gross who selected the 44 works from over 350 entries.

Mindy Green, a 20 year Rowayton resident has been painting portraits for over 13 years. Her portrait, "Nick" (accepted to the show and pictured at right) was inspired by Ms. Green's teenage daughter's friends visiting their home with the various moods and the dual nature of typical teenage expressions. With regard to portrait painting in general- she said, "I try to capture their strengths and their vulnerability and balance the two in the portrait."

"In most cases the figure is not sitting in front of me the entire time I am painting. The image evolves from a large quantity of photographs I am given. Individually they can capture the essence of a person but collectively they can capture the subjects overall personality. . .

"I look at this in a very psychological way, in that I believe the right side of the face represents one aspect of the character of a person and the left represents another... everyone has two different sides to their face -- it never matches! I keep this in mind when I meet the subject of a portrait, look into their face and try to draw out the personalities of both aspects of their being, a philosophy is relative to the yin/yang nature of an individual. "Nick" a student at Darien High School is a family friend and is the subject of Ms. Green's painting chosen for "The Figure Now." She is currently working on a portrait of two siblings in their twenties.

Ms. Green teaches art to adults at paper scissors Oranges on Post Road in Darien where she has been teaching for many years. She is a member of the Loft Artist Studios in Stamford and has currently become a member of the Remington Studios in Bridgeport. She also has a home studio in Rowayton.

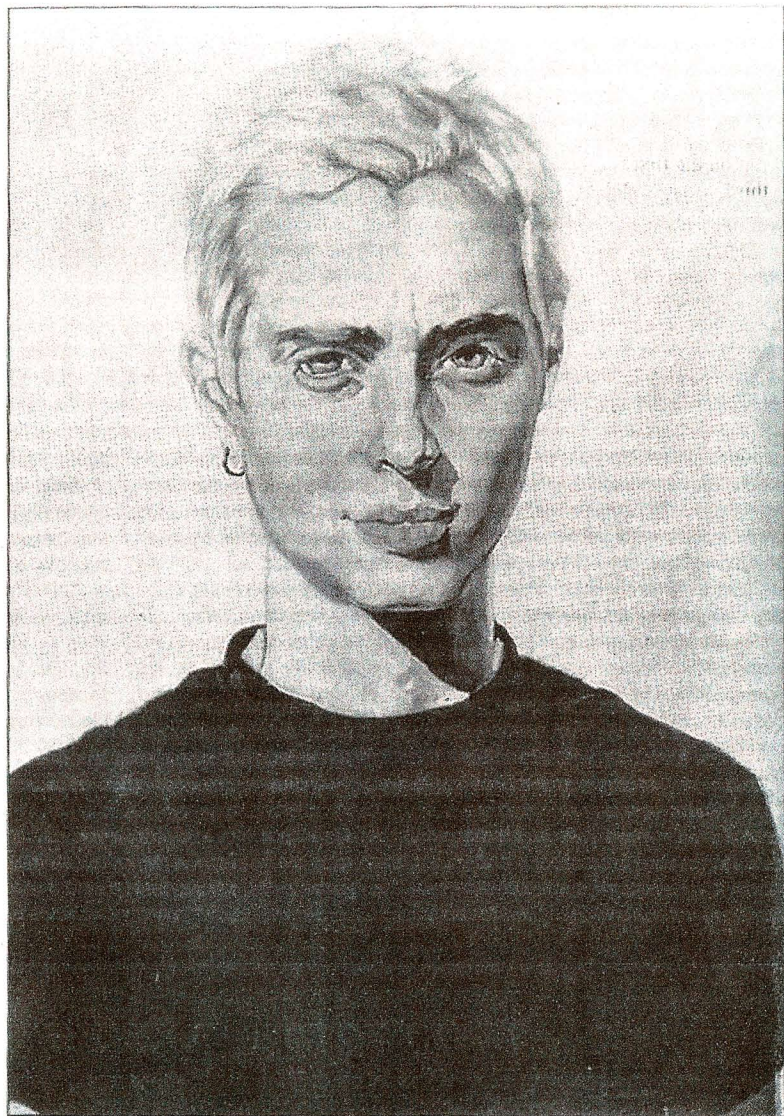
Ms. Gross said of the 'Figure Now;' "The opportunity to jury an exhibit such as this one reminds a curator of the deep commitment and singular vision of so many artists working in America. The works selected reflect the rich histo-

ry of the figure in American art. The range of media includes photography, oil painting, ceramics, water-color and sculpture. Whether the artist has been motivated by realistic, abstract or conceptual inquiry, these images engage

us in a contemporary view of the individual in modern society," said Ms. Gross

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"Nick" an oil painting by Mindy Green is on exhibit at the Westport Arts Center "The Figure Now" running until May 23.