

THIRD PLACE

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Young Serenity (oil on panel, 24x18)

A young, untroubled woman takes a moment to smell a flower. Her flowing white dress signifies youthful innocence. Towering behind her, an aged grandfather clock presides over each ticking moment of bliss, characterizing the wisdom attained through lived experience. As I get older and the years feel increasingly shorter, I sometimes reflect on how carefree I was in my late teens. Although I lacked the experience I have now, I miss the joy of having “all the time in the world.” The serenity of youth lies in this abundance of time—our most precious commodity.



ABOUT ME: *I'm mostly self-taught, though I did take painting classes at a local atelier when I first started painting, as well as online tutorials from East Oaks Studios. I found those lessons to be truly transformative, but the majority of my art education has been comprised of a lot of time spent behind the easel.*