

## “Life”



I was greatly inspired by the piece called, “Green Woods,” by B.J.O. Nordfeldt. The painting uses three dimensional shapes to convey the nature that is found in the woods. This painting is located in the Weisman Museum in the room with other paintings of nature including the painting of the snowstorm called, “Marine Snowstorm,” by Marsden Hartley, as well as the painting of the fall colored leaves called, “Landscape No. 36,” by Marsden Hartley. I was incredibly moved by the nature and I saw the life that was in those paintings and I wanted to recreate that in my own piece called, “Life.”

The juxtaposition of the different geometric shapes that B.J.O. Nordfeldt used to create this specific scene from nature was astounding. This inspired me to create a mural of nature. I took multiple photographs of the sky at different times of the day using different angles and scenes. I found the beauty in the sky and how it looks at the life that is present here on this earth. The cut-out shapes of the photographs are used as a model as the geometric shapes that were used to create the scene from, “Green Woods.” By orienting the shapes in the larger shape of a flower, I wanted to convey to my audience the power that life has. It is the center piece of everything and is so magnificent that when looked at from different angles, as seen in the different angles the camera was utilized, there can be many different aspects and lessons that can be learned from life and those are specific to the individual. When a person sees my mural, “Life,” he or she might first see the lighter parts of the flower from the sky that had the photograph taken earlier in the day, or another person might see the cut-out parts of the photograph where the camera was caught in the angle from the surrounding branches on the trees.

“Life,” is a geometric mural that represents many different aspects of the life in which we currently live in. When there are so many perspectives and viewpoints, at the end of the day, all of the individuals are able to agree on one common point and that is different for every situation, but for my piece, they can all agree that they see a flower in the middle and that flower represents, “Life.”

