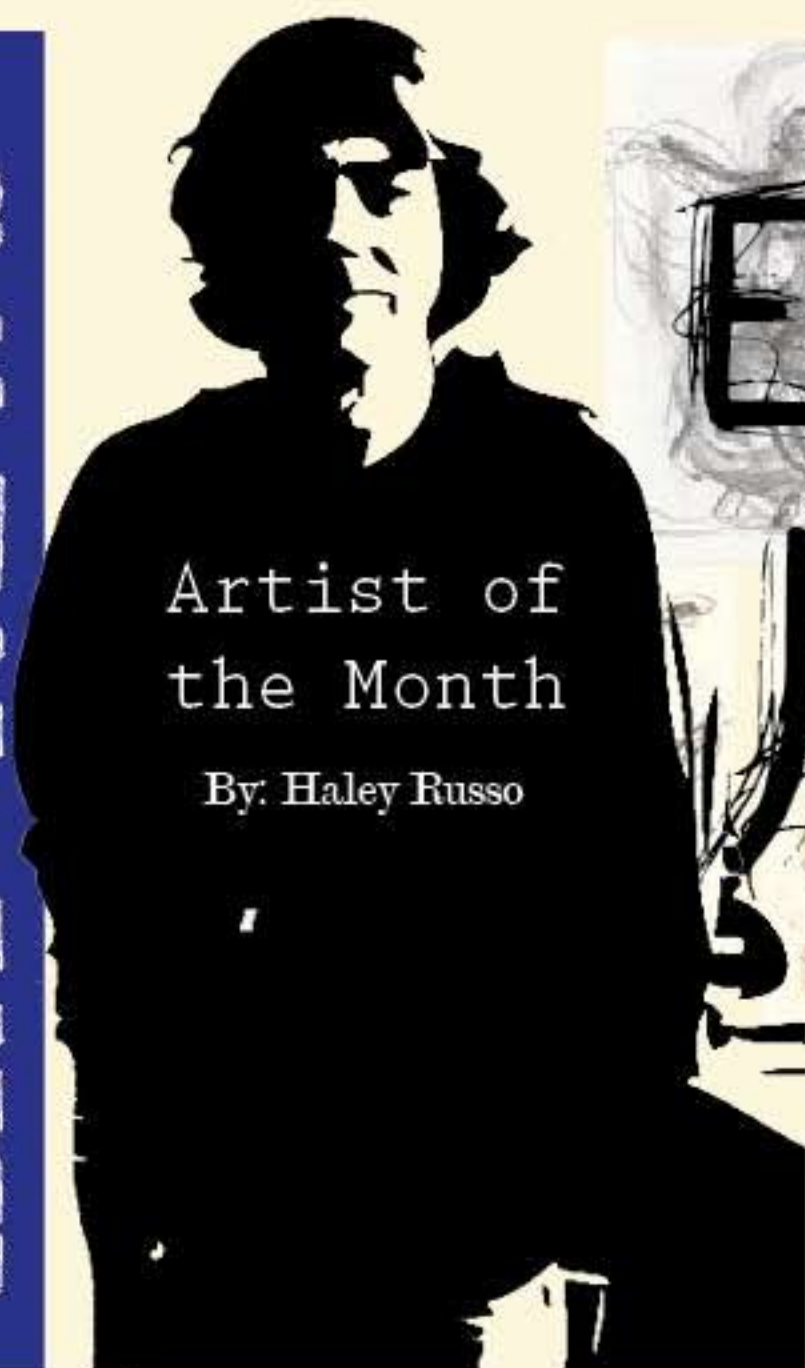


ART NEWS



Artist of the Month

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Question of the Month:

What is the message you hope to get across to people who view your work?

First of all, I don't have a very specific message, I am not a preacher nor a politician...

And I hope I can put my intentions into words as words are not my first medium...

I feel the need to express my feelings and share my personal visual experience with others through my work. I have become a visual artist because I would like to do something with things which I found pleasure the eye: it maybe the beauty of a face, a dancing body, an animal, a landscape, or a flower. By observing and studying these things closely and trying to making a painting or

studying these things closely and trying to making a painting or drawing of it then I can understand it better and experience it more intensely. And people who look at my work can experience it again, what I have seen and felt. By painting the things what are inspiring me, I can inspire others. For instance a dancer once said **'when I see your drawings I just**

I like the quote "The highest purpose of art is to inspire."
-Bob Dylan

feel like dancing'. Or a musician seeing a music drawing of mine: I can hear the music . Or somebody else said to me: **'Your work makes me feel that I like to go out painting myself'**.

Though I do have an eye for the bad and sad things of life (there always has been a certain melancholy in my work). I think I like focus on the beautiful side of life. I like the quote of jazz musician Stan Getz: 'I believe you should play music as beautiful as you can...There is so much hate in this world. You should counteract it with it with loveliness'.

I believe that could apply this to fine arts as well. So maybe my message is **'Enjoy the beauty of life'** Henry Moore said "to be an artist is to believe in life"

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(Edgar Jansen in Studio)



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