Podium Presentation

My Reasons For-Works by Josh Niles

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Making and studying art is rightfully the focus of anyone in the Fine Arts program today. I utilize several different media to present and record my observations and reactions to various stimuli; including watercolor, oil, and acrylic paint as well as silkscreen prints. These pieces are meant for discussion and to create a dialogue between the viewers and myself, something that most art effectively does. As an artist I like to tread from the seemingly mundane into abstractions of thoughts and that culminate in large swatches of color and varying line structures to express things that are beyond my language art skills ability to depict. That said, I have found it incredibly tedious and rewarding to create textures via brush and canvas, as much so as laying painterly marks and leaving them as a sort of signature as the hand of the artist is clearly shown with intent. It is through these methods that I have created body of work to represent what I find to be the most interesting of topics, My Reasons For is a show that is the result of four years of study and hard work that depicts the people places and things that get me through each day and that have been there to help regardless of time or circumstance. It’s a love letter to everyone and everything it’s taken to get me this far and my sincerest expression of gratitude utilizing everything I’ve learned in these past few years.