

Sky Posey

The Score of a Lifetime

Acrylic on Canvas

In today's society athletes are simply seen as entertainers and people with incredible muscle mass. Many young men, especially African American males, are pushed into sports to take care of their families, bring honor, and determine their wealth. This continuous cycle pushes men not to reach their full potential and explore other skills, as well as base their identity and happiness on how well they play a game. Although athletes have incredible skills, they are more than athletes and possess a plethora of other skills and talents.

This painting includes many colors and a blur effect. The focus of this painting is centered in the middle and is an African American in his basketball uniform aiming to score. The painting has bright colors to symbolize the happiness that can come from playing sports such as basketball, but the blur effect in the background also represents the a road not taken. The flashes of colors represent his other talents that were never able to reach their full potential or ever be acknowledged. There is a number one dipped onto this painting that represents the societal norm of perfection and the pressure to be the best and succeed. The different colors and textures all come together to create a detailed piece to encourage not only athletes but other people to try to reach their full potential and not get stuck in societal norms.