Racheal Stalley

90x60 cm

Acrylic on canvas

I have created this artwork to bring my interests to life, the surrealist acrylic painting conveying a scape setting, juxtaposed with the marine life that surrounds it.

I painted myself as a scuba diver, representing my passion for the ocean, along with the whales, dolphins and pirate ships. I value my artwork as it is unique to me. Although I drew inspiration from artists such as Frida Kahlo and her self-portraits, I ensured that the symbolism was personal to me.

It was a challenging painting to complete because I had never created such a large painting before, and the movement was unfamiliar, and out of my comfort zone. I found it difficult to capture myself in the portrait. I definitely think there is room for improvements with painting facial features and I look forward to discovering them in the future.