

"Nostalgia" by Isla Edwards is a captivating digital painting that blurs the lines between the past, present, and future. Urging viewers to delve deeper into their own memories. The variety of colours and playful lighting represent the feeling of nostalgia from childhood, and how it feels as though we remember things brighter and warmer than we see them now. The use of reds, oranges, greens, blues, and browns attempt to keep the image natural yet vibrant. Central to the artwork is a young girl, with a joyful expression, her laughter is almost audible. The details, from the red striped dress to the outdoor veranda, echo the simplicity and happiness of a time when life moved at a slower pace. Playing with shadow and light creates a hazy, glazed canvas which shows how our memories are not always remembered crystal clearly. The technique employs soft, blurred edges which mimics the nature of cherished memories that, while not always clear in our minds, hold personal emotional depth. "Nostalgia" was drawn on procreate on an Ipad, and the colour palette was inspired by family childhood pictures. The process of painting took a little over 21 hours and countless digital strokes. The digital painting is a visual representation of childhood nostalgia, painted to create those feelings in the viewers.