

Luke Huling

Artist Statement

“I identify with the “sad clown paradox” as a person known to hide anxiety behind a nervous laugh or a joke. My work focuses on emotional façades and questions the implications of a disguised self. I am intrigued with the ease and routine nature of “stretching the truth” in terms of identities, feelings, and afflictions and how these common occurrences affect those involved. Pairing the figure with symbolic objects and meticulously sculpted texture, I convey my interpretation of the conscious/subconscious suppression mechanisms I see in myself and others.”