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MEDIA/TECHNIQUE

Mixed Media



*"Here Comes The Sun",
by İlkcän Düzal*

*"Here And Now",
by İlkcän Düzal*



ARTIST STATEMENT & CREATIVE PROCESS



The persistent and the transient nature of time is what I strive to encapsulate within these two pieces. There is a quiet, constant need to remain hopeful for what is to come—to allow myself to take to the sky whenever inspiration demands—yet I find equal importance in staying present on steady ground while the moment lasts. In my creative process, I lean into the distinct personalities of my media. Sometimes I begin with fluid washes of watercolor, letting the pigment bleed and find its own path, much like the unpredictable flow of a busy day. I then layer the structure of acrylics and the soft, forgiving grit of pastels and pencil. Each mark and deliberate stroke serves as an anchor, emerging to stabilize my thoughts. Working with these tools is a practice in mindfulness; at times, a piece comes together in one joyful, breathless sitting, while at others, it unfolds slowly, one day at a time. As an educator, I often tell my students that art is a place to rest—even though sometimes senior years feels contrary—and these works are my own sanctuary.

They represent a sincere effort to find balance between the fleeting and the permanent, reminding me to cherish the "now" even as I look toward the horizon.

“WHAT CHALLENGE(S) DID YOU FACE WHILE CREATING THIS PIECE, AND HOW DID YOU WORK THROUGH THEM?”



These pieces both have happened in times of pause, one during a school break, the other in rush between report cards, term comments and an inspection, to find that time of pause was the challenge, as I've been learning with my students for some time I do not mind the vulnerability that comes along with sharing my art pieces with eyes that don't belong to me. But doing it anyways since it is all those experiences that shape and guide you for the next one!