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"Art is the only clean thing on earth, except holiness" Jaris Karl Huysman

Post Graduate Decisions: Part Two

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The biggest question to follow the completion of your Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree is the daunting "now what"? These testimonials follow the different paths of four of 2015 Visual Arts program class graduates from Grenfell Campus, Memorial University.

Katie Clarke --

The point at which I decided I wanted to be an art educator was in tenth grade career

"Flourish", Katie Clarke, 2015, acrylic on canvas

Photo of Katie Clarke by Amber-Lynn Thorne

development, when I suddenly realized that my art teacher had the best job I'd ever seen. I asked her about the steps required to make it to where she was and she immediately, and enthusiastically, encouraged me to think about attending art school. Even though every career development adviser spoke out against it, the support I received from my high school art teacher to pursue my interests, eventually led me to study art at the University level at Grenfell Campus of Memorial University and gave me the desire to promote similar courage in others. After receiving my BFA I took the next step and applied for the Intermediate / Secondary Education program at MUN, which I began this September.

The study of art has helped to make me a critical thinker and assisted me in understanding both myself and the world around me. The study of Education has taught me that I want to provide this opportunity for interpersonal growth to my future students. I want to get my students thinking, get them questioning, and help them become confident, open minded individuals who can take on the world, with the help of a little art.

