





The Journey Anya Berlova

In the difficulties of the pandemic, I wanted to create a work that was meaningful but lighthearted. Serious but playful. Something hopeful for a better future. My two cartoon characters, Sheepers and Puggie, are part of a larger campaign I created to fight against bullying. Sheepers and Puggie always support each other and their community. They are beacons of kindness, inclusivity, and positivity; we need those three things now more than ever. In these three art pieces, I showcase the journey we've taken, the safety measures we partake in so that we can protect others, and the hope we hold in our hearts. I used photographs from memorable places that I took pre-pandemic and added situations relevant to current times to symbolize our need to connect the past with the present. We must keep our sense of adventure and enthusiasm for everyday passions while taking the necessary precautions. Our experiences are shaping us every day; we can use them to create a brighter future.