

immersive Aminal

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Jack Catlett '23 is from Louisville, KY. He is a Design major at Lehigh University studying sculpture and installation art.

Motivated to create unique, expressive work centered around mindfulness, I began documenting sporadic thoughts, ideas, and observations in a series of sketchbooks. I developed a fantastical alternate universe—one in which there is greater awareness for values such as independent thinking, environmental respect, love, and diversity. The humanoid species that roams this universe are furry, elongated-formed, bug-eyed creatures I have named "Aminals." In my journey to project the Aminals' universe from my notebooks into the real world, I have utilized sculpture, installation, 2D animation, and hand-painted clothing. Through storytelling that is chaotic, psychedelic, humorous, and yet Zen, I show how the Aminals experience life on "Aminal Planet" in a fashion parallel to human life on Earth. While the stories in my work are sometimes hidden and not always clear, they are always mysteriously intertwined with the underlying themes of mindfulness that occupy Aminal Planet. "Aminal" is many things right now, and it is important to me that I continue to develop the form, aesthetic, mediums, and direction in which my work is manifested so that it may provide change and growth to our own planet.

