

White Water Artful Transformation Project

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Intro: About Me !

Hello, My name is Jaya Brees. I am an artist based out of my home town Milwaukee WI. I have been painting for only a little over 2 years. I have come a long way in my short time of creating and expressing myself through art. I started with some friends and a spraypaint can. Eventually evolving into doing portraiture and found I have a hidden talent. I am a spray paint and brush work artist. Specializing in spray paint and acrylic paint both human and animal illustrations.

Relation to White Water and why this project speaks to me:

I am very connected with white water! My fiance' was and always will be a white water gymnast for her 5 (2014-2019 Lewa Evans) years at the college. I am super close with her friends now who are also all white water alumni gymnasts. Some actually coach the team now in 2025! My art teacher from elementary school here in milwaukee, Mrs. Monday is now the art teacher at white water ! Crazy world, This last year she came all the way to Milwaukee to support me at a gallery I had an art residency at ! She's awesome! There is definitely something special about white water ! I would love to be a part of this project because I want to give back to the community through my art. I want to honor the gymnasts who are all so amazing and hold such a strong impact in my fiance's life. Lastly I painted this painting to honor a young woman. Kara Welsh, who sadly is no longer with us. I want her to be remembered publicly along with the gymnastics team. This will give honor to kara and her family, the gymnastics team, and the love that the team and girls share with each other. I also think these paintings will show women empowerment and how strong the bond of white water gymnastics will always be.

Project Details:

For this project I will be painting 4 paintings. (1 for each side of the box). I will be painting them on canvas beforehand. My good friend works at a top quality vinyl wrap shop in Waukesha (Modern Ink). I will get them printed and he will be coming out to white water with me to install the vinyl on the boxes professionally. He is certified and very experienced. I am familiar with the vinyl wrap process. Actually, I was accepted by Waukesha county for their utility box art project 2024! They bought my paintings and wrapped their boxes in vinyl with the paintings printed on the sides ! I think it's a great idea and my style of art is very time consuming. The painting of Kara and coach Jen took me a month to paint. That is painting everyday for hours a day after work haha.

-The first painting (side 1) is Kara Welsh and Coach Jen looking into eachothers eyes and hugging at a meet. A proud coach Jen looking with love in her eyes at Kara. Proud of her and Kara looking to Jen as an awesome coach and mentor. A mother-like figure to the team and her. Above them is a reminiscence of the team they both love and hold deep in their hearts.

- The second and third paintings (smaller sides) will be my Fiance' Lewa Evans flipping in action and one of her good friends and stellar athletes Franchesca Hutton-Lau King fishing up pose on a floor routine. Beautiful white water purples and hues of whites splitting from there action points

- The 4th painting I am still juggling ideas back and forth. Might just have to leave it a surprise!

Budget:

The budget for this would be \$3000.00. The time for these paintings will take about a month each. Supplies and the vinyl will be all included in the \$3000.00.

Vinyl and installment \$1000.000

Supplies (paint, Canvas, ETC.) \$500.00-\$1000.00

Time and Work - \$1000.00

Closing:

I hope to make an impact with my art. To Remember Kara, To promote strength and diversity through teamwork, love, and lastly Life.

** attached are pictures of the first painting. They are also featured on my Instagram and in my portfolio. The quality sending through email may not be great. Thanks!



