

March: *Marleah Grinnell*

About the Artwork:

Marleah Grinnell is from the Madison area and is an ARTS for ALL WISCONSIN 2021 Creative Power Award Winner. She has exhibited widely in Madison and Door County. A self-taught artist, she began painting in 2018 at the urging of a friend. Creating art became a form of art therapy to improve her eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills, which were lost three years ago, baffling her doctors.

Marleah's work is inspired by the outdoors, and she has always delighted in her deep emotional connection with nature. Naturally curious, as a child she spent her time examining plants, reptiles, and insects, with her dad's magnifying glass. She was allowed the freedom to roam and observe the behavior of birds, animals and fish. Marleah's approach to painting was shaped by those early experiences. Her artwork conveys those emotions, movement, color and textures.