

## PROJECT THREE: ARTIST STATEMENT

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For this project, I wanted to start a conversation and have people make thoughtful considerations when interacting with my mirrors. Regardless of who held the mirror, I wanted them to see past the presence of their physical selves and look deeper to address their emotional selves. I find that people spend too much time trying to "catch up" or "fit into" life, thus they fail to take a break and regard all that is taking place around them. We as people tend to pile on thoughts and emotions that are never released. In turn, I made mirrors to serve as a vessel of communication and release; a way to let go or share whatever a person may be holding onto.

I made mirror forms because they invite a viewer to hold and interact with the piece. This form encourages the thought of reflection. But, because the form lacks an actual reflective component, I hoped people would think beyond their reflections to something much deeper.

I decided to make different variations of the mirror because we all have different stories to tell and I wanted people to select a mirror that resonates with them. I incorporated black surfacing in order to hide the details of each mirror just enough to encourage people to feel the textures and be present with the mirror as they express their thoughts. As for the floor placement of the mirror, I found it to be compositionally interesting, looking back, this decision also forced people to crouch, to be mindful of each mirror, and to that the time to read what was written on them. Regarding space and light, I wanted the mirrors to stand out against the busy park background. Therefore, I placed them in a location where the sun would illuminate them and the width of the sidewalk would not overpower them. During my documentation, I discovered photos at different side angles with lowered brightness captured the beauty and detail of each mirror the best.

Overall, this experience was very wholesome. I found that the mirrors encouraged people to share more information with me despite me being a stranger. To me, this indicates that everyone has a story, they are just looking for someone to share it with.

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