## **Artist Statement**

## Samantha Wilkinson

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I am a studio artist from Santa Cruz, currently studying as an art major at the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara with an emphasis in painting. My work delves into intimacy and connection between people, the earth, and the unconscious self. I often engage with the human body, natural elements, and marine worlds to explore these ideas of ephemera, sensoriality, and liminal spaces. As I explore my subconscious world, my work weaves reveries of organic connection and fleeting impressions, reflecting the transience and intricacies of existence.

