

ELLA JENNINGS

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STATEMENT

Ella Jennings examines domestic interiors as unique settings for spiritual encounters, and as metaphors for life's incongruities and mysteries. Her spaces are taken from rooms in her childhood home and from abandoned houses. When the rooms are transfigured by light, they introduce emotions of longing, grief, or peace.

EDUCATION

2023 BA *cum laude*, Studio Art and Psychology
Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Abide With Me*, Fireside Gallery, Trinity Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *a space of her own*, Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
(catalogue)

2022 *Here For It*, ARTLAB, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Roger John Voskuyl Library, Westmont College

COMMISSIONS

- 2020 Public mural commission, (approx. 15'x12'), exterior acrylic paint on brick,
Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2019 Public mural commission, diptych (each wall approx. 10'x15'), exterior acrylic
paint on stucco, John Burroughs High School, Burbank, CA

AWARDS

- 2023 Corita Kent Memorial Art Award
- 2022 Wes Nishimura Art Scholarship
- 2021 Sue & Dennis Savage Art Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Present Outreach & Education Coordinator
Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art
Santa Barbara, CA
- 2021 - 2023 Gallery Attendant
The Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art
Santa Barbara, CA

PRESS/BIBLIOGRAPHY

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2024, <https://www.westmont.edu/westmont-news/exhibition-offers-room-reflection>
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- "Burroughs High Pool Deck Murals Brighten 'Home Away From Home,'" *MyBurbank News*, April 22, 2019, <https://myburbank.com/burroughs-high-pool-deck-murals-brighten-home-away-from-home/>

REFERENCES

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