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Dissociation

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"Dissociation," is a reflection of the world's struggle against the COVID-19 pandemic, and how it has affected us all in ways we never could have imagined.

Through this painting, I wanted to capture the gradual, yet drastic change in emotions, lifestyles, and perception of reality that we experienced during this time. The crowd of people depicted in the painting represents the collective struggle we faced, all facing towards the unknown and moving towards it. The different facial expressions convey the range of emotions we felt during this time, from fear and worry to resilience and hope.

The pandemic has been a teacher in many ways. It has taught me the importance of resilience, adaptability, and compassion. The pandemic has awakened me to the fragility of life and the importance of cherishing every moment we have.

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Chaimae Oualid is a Moroccan-American artist and medical student at KP-COM.

Born and raised in Morocco, I spent my early years exploring the vibrant culture of my homeland. My passion for art was evident from a young age, and I spent hours sketching and painting scenes from my daily life. As I grew older, I developed a fascination with electronic music and discovered that painting to the rhythm of the music helped me to unwind from the demands of my studies and provided a creative outlet for my innermost thoughts and emotions.

My art is heavily influenced by my multicultural background. I draw on both my Moroccan heritage and American lifestyle to create unique pieces that merge identities and social context in contemporary time. My art highlights differences and similarities in perceptions of various human behaviors by different cultures, showcasing the beauty and complexity of diversity.

Despite the demands of medical school, I continue to pursue my passion for art. I see it as a vital part of my life, allowing me to express myself and connect with others in meaningful ways. My paintings are a reflection of my unique perspective on the world, and a celebration of the richness of diversity. My ultimate goal as an artist is to inspire viewers to appreciate and embrace the differences that make us all unique.

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