

Milena Sallustio: She looked in and saw her destiny

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Introduction

The bowl symbolizes a sense of security, comfort, growth, wellbeing, nurturing, giving and in particular a search for wisdom. The bowl often used in our everyday rituals is unlike the box, it contains without stifling, and it is open for inspection. It is open to the surrounding world of knowledge and receptive to heavenly influences. The bowl holds its contents secure and safe as long as the bowl is not tipped. I want to look in.

The artworks are like visual representations of emotions, experiences, encounters of a new revelation. So in effect, the work is a visual diary, a self-portrait. I am the bowl. The usual form of a bowl is rounded a spherical shape cut in half. This shape of the bowl is often seen as the symbolism of womanhood. I am a woman.

The bowl is used in everyday rituals, for example, it contains food, is held in the hand and taken to the lips. It holds precious keepsakes or collections. I use a bowl

Its rim is a circle that symbolises a never-ending continuum. The opening of a bowl is like entering a dark hole into the unknown. It contains knowledge and wisdom. I want answers. My aim for this work was to express a...

'Truth of material,
Purity of thought,
Tranquillity of mind and
An enlightened state'
Author unknown

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If art has a fundamental skill it would be drawing. Yet this artform is rarely shown today, swept away by more 'worthy' forms such as video or acrylics. Milena, an accomplished ceramicist, still uses drawing as a main output for her work, and her her simple, quizzical and evocative images are wonderful testaments to both her skill and passion.

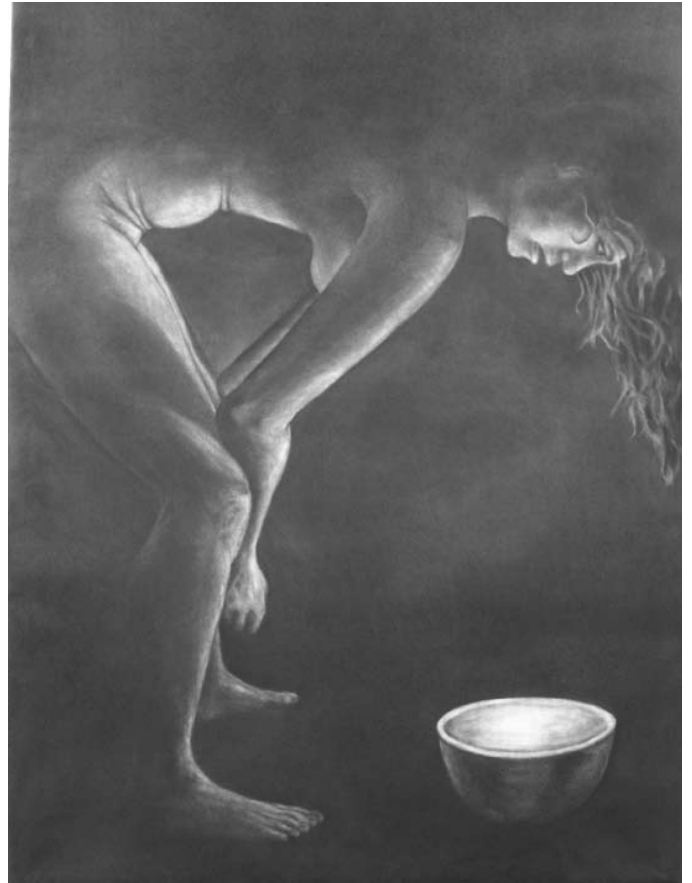
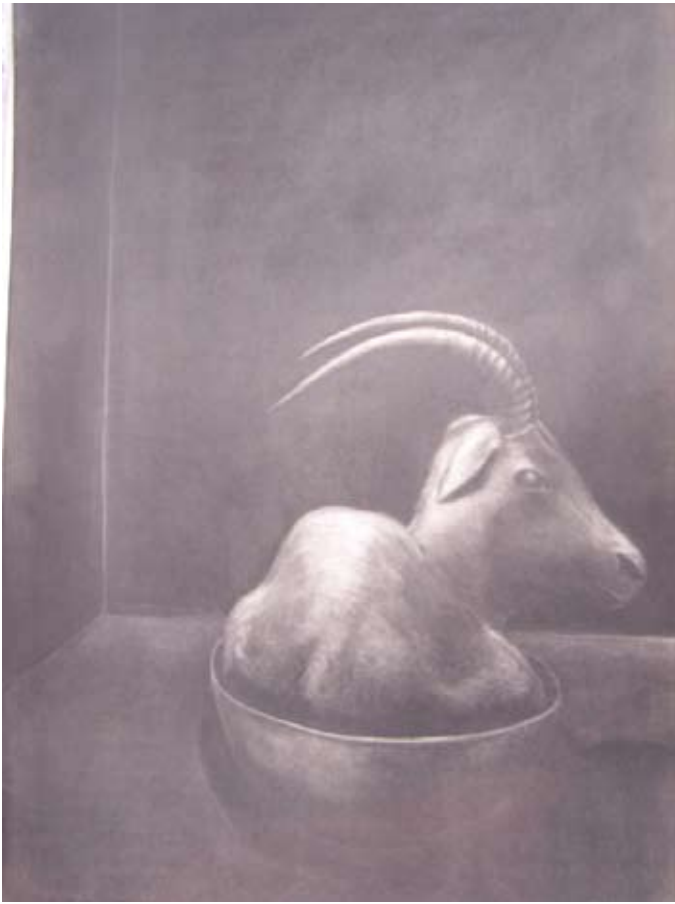
An elegant show whose simplicity belies its depth, this is a must for students of art with real meaning.

What to do

Explore the symbolism of the school bag.
Read Poison Tree by William Blake.
Make bowls out of scraps in the art class.
Draw, draw, draw.
Write poetry or find quotes that inspire your art.

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SELECTED WORKS



She Looked in and saw her destiny (selected works)
Mixed media, dimensions variable