

## **Emily Rensink**

### *Artist Statement*

My work explore moments that shape who I am, from cherished to unpleasant and beyond. These moments of growth are conveyed through sculpted figures that capture a cartoon-like version of myself which is reinforced by the bright blocks of color and use of textiles. The humorous approach to the narratives along with the generalized characters provide an opening to reaching a wider audience. By sharing my experiences, I hope to connect with the viewer on a more personal level. Self-reflection is an essential part of human evolution and individual growth. We can empower ourselves by contemplating our experiences, understanding how and why we embody them, and making conscious choices going forward. Living is about reflection and learning, evolving the person you want to be. I for one prefer to do it with a bit of laughter.