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# ABIGAIL SHATRAU STUDENT ARTIST FOR MAY

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*One of the pieces of artwork by Abigail Shatrau.*

From high school to college, this senior artist has big plans.

Abigail Shatrau, named by CNY Arts Center at its Student Artist of the Month, is now 18 and almost ready to go out in the world. But life started out a bit different from what her future plans are.

Born and raised in Fulton, Shatrau has grown from crazy noodle art, glitter and glue, Lego building, paper people building and much more to a wonderful artist.

She states, "I knew from a young age that creativeness was a part of me."

This passion has grown with her and continues to inspire her to thrive in her art.

"For me, art is a way to relax and unwind but also a way to express myself and maybe even a way to motivate and encourage others," she said.

Throughout high school, she has worked with varied media, including acrylics, watercolors, markers and colored pencils. Acrylics were her top medium through the first few years, but as she has progressed, her focus has shifted towards fashion and her senior year has revolved around perfecting fashion figures as her art.

Shatrau has the next few years of her life all mapped out, after graduation she plans to attend SUNY Oneonta, and to work in a 3-7 program with the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. During her last year in New York City she plans to finish a major in fashion marketing/management.

During the month of May, Shatrau's work is on display at the Arts in the HeART Gallery in Fulton at 47 S. First St.

For more information about the gallery, visit [CNYArtsCenter.com](http://CNYArtsCenter.com) or call 598-2787.



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