

SELF-PORTRAIT

By David Clifton

David Clifton was born in Canada. His mother is from South Korea, and his father was born in Canada to parents who emigrated from England. This mix of cultures has been a lifelong lesson of acceptance and tradition for David. His interests include visual arts, music, writing, and martial arts. He currently attends Eastwood Collegiate Institute in the Integrated Arts program. David plans on attending university or college to pursue either a fine arts or illustration degree.

“ The project is a self-portrait, in which I portrayed myself as the archetype of artist. The media I used are graphite, Conté, acrylic paint, and modelling



paste. The montage of hands and faces represents the most important tools of an artist and the range of emotions an artist can portray, such as calm, happy, sad, intense, and so on. I also included an image of myself playing guitar, showing the variety in my artistic expression. The lines and shadows fade into space and into each other, symbolizing the way ideas and emotions can change. This work represents an acceptance of identity and the artist's journey.”