



THE JACKSON HOLE 5

IMPORTANT PAINTERS FROM THE WEST

The Jackson Hole 5 exhibition features five artists who live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The work created by these artists often features the beautiful land and **wildlife** (animals living in nature) of Wyoming. Each artist has their own unique **style**, or their own particular way of creating art. For example, artist Amy Lay often paints her animals using bright colors, lots of line and **brushstrokes** (marks left behind by a brush). Find her painting *Teach me the Raven Ways* (right). Are there any colors in this bear's fur that you might not expect? Why do you think the artist used those colors? Sometimes an artist will creatively use color in **unexpected places**. It can be lots of fun to experiment with color! What "raven ways" might the bear be learning?



Amy Lay, *Teach me the Raven Ways*, 2018, oil and charcoal on canvas

When you make art or color a drawing, do you ever use color in unusual ways? Would you like to try?

Some artists choose to make their art **realistic** (showing people or things as they are in real life). Artist September Vhay does not show her brushstrokes or use unusual colors in her work,



September Vhay, *Fall's Surprise*, 2019, oil on Belgian linen

instead her paintings look like photographs! she chooses to leave out "busy" **backgrounds** (the part of a scene behind something) so that viewers can focus on the **subject**

*Which piece in this exhibit would you hang in your living room?
Why did you choose that piece?*



⇒ **Discuss:** There are five different and talented artists in this exhibit. Can you name all five? Which artist's **style** do you most enjoy? Do you like art that uses **realistic color** or art that uses **unexpected colors**? Why? If you were to have art in this exhibit, what would you choose to paint?

⇒ **Examine:** Look around the gallery and find the painting **Shield** by Amy Ringholz (right). The subject of this piece is a buffalo, but do you see other animals? How many other animals do you see? The artist says that she likes to show emotion and **character** (the way someone thinks, feels and behaves) in her animals. What kind of character do you see in this buffalo? Do you see any emotion?

⇒ **Find:** Many of the artists in this gallery have painted horses! How many horses can you find? Look below for the answer!



Amy Ringholz, **Shield**, 2019, Acrylic, graphite and stain on wood

Try This!

Draw an owl! Did you find the owl in Amy Ringholz's painting, **Shield** (above)? Which other artist has a painting of an owl in this exhibit? Try drawing your own owl below!

