Final 3D Marian Goodman Gallery Project

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Artist Statement- Ketevani Dumbadze

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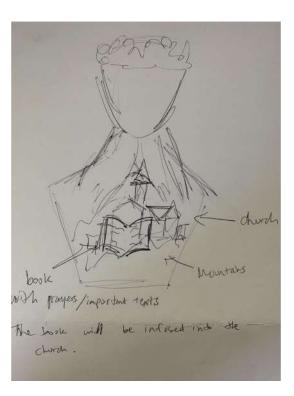


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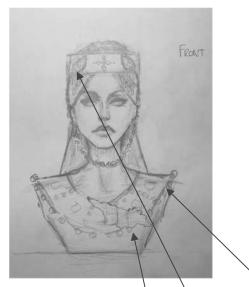


First Sketches

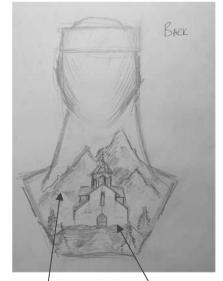




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Video Project

Modeling Process





Final Model









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