

## Honorable Mention Stephanie Deshpande

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Using a predominantly warm palette and closely related values in *The Fall* was a choice Stephanie Deshpande made to “up” the thematic intensity but also to establish the figure as having an equal part in the narrative as the child’s toys. The young girl in the painting is Deshpande’s daughter. It’s an intimate scene Deshpande imagined one day in the car, but it’s also slightly sinister, made all the more so by Deshpande’s other inspiration for the painting—a nightmare in which she witnessed a child falling to the ground (that child is represented by Raggedy Andy).

“I’m an impulsive painter,” says Deshpande. “Once I have an idea in mind, it’ll only take me a few hours to complete the underpainting.” First, though, she sketches the initial drawing in pencil onto the canvas. She then paints the midtones and shadows, before blocking in the main colors.



Deshpande says she’s grateful for a class she recently took with *The Artist’s Magazine’s* featured artist Max Ginsburg at The Art Students League of New York, and hopes to continue learning there. ■

**ABOVE:** *The Fall* (oil on linen, 16x20)

## Finalists

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San Francisco, Calif.

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New York, N.Y.

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Stacy Barter  
Winter Park, Fla.

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Arlington, Mass.

Linda Tracey  
Brandon  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Web Bryant  
Fairfax, Va.

David Cheifetz  
Seattle, Wash.

Lei Chi  
Santa Clara, Calif.

Lauren Childs  
Fort Worth, Texas

Mona Diane Conner  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Nancy Seamons  
Crookston  
Alameda, Calif.

Raymond Davis  
Perkasie, Pa.

Michele Del Campo  
London, England

Gabriela Delloso  
West New York, N.J.

Amanda Dicken  
Raleigh, N.C.

Marina Dieul  
Montreal, Quebec

Margaret Dyer  
East Point, Ga.

Shawn Falchetti  
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Telluride, Colo.

Zoey Frank  
Laguna Beach, Calif.

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London, England

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Las Vegas, Nev.

Mark Hanavan  
Middletown, Ohio

Tripp Harrison  
St. Augustine, Fla.

Regina Jacobson  
Orange, Calif.

Marc Josloff  
Freeport, N.Y.

Paul Keysar  
Charlotte, N.C.

Rita Kirkman  
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Texas

Diana Kirkpatrick  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Sandra Kuck  
Boca Raton, Fla.

John Lally  
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Victoria, British  
Columbia

Dana Levin  
Reading, Mass.

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The Woodlands,  
Texas

Fang Lian  
Hangzhou, China

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Alexandria, Va.

Gayle Madeira  
New York, N.Y.

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Denver, Colo.

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Kalispell, Mont.

Stan Miller  
Spokane, Wash.

Doohong Min  
San Francisco, Calif.

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Robinson  
Carmichael, Calif.

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Neulichtenberg,  
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