

Kristen Memoli

2021 Annual Members Showcase

June 4th - June 26th, 2021

Title of Image **Thou Shalt Not Want**

Dimensions of Image **8" X 6" X 4"**

Medium of Image **Plaster, Ink on Paper, Gold**

Price of Image **NFS**

Artist Statement **Kristen's art is often inspired by contrast and contradictions. Much of her photographic work explores concepts of light versus dark, life versus decay, and joy versus heartache. Kristen also creates multimedia pieces which often include found objects and text. As part of her work in psychology, Kristen focuses closely on language and the ways words impact thoughts and feelings. Incorporating text into her work helps her convey much more depth than just images or objects alone.**

Thou Shalt Not Want was a piece inspired by a call to artists at Industry Makers in Huntington, NY. Kristen was asked to create a piece inspired by a poem by Susan Pilewski. The poem, titled "Workshop", left Kristen with a feeling reminiscent of growing up in the Catholic Church. As a child Kristen longed to be and do things that were deemed "bad". This mask is covered with many of her childhood "wants" while the lips are sewn shut by the gold cross she actually wore throughout her 12 years of Catholic school.