

## AAO Virtual Exhibition / Highridge Family Center

Due to the nature of this program names have been omitted so the Museum may respect the anonymity of each student.



Age 13

Mixed Media on Canvas

Norton Museum of Art Inspiration: Mickalene Thomas' *Naomi Looking Forward II*

Teaching Artist: Jill Lavetsky

During a visit to the Norton Museum, my students and I had a conversation about the piece called *Naomi Looking Forward II*, by the artist Mickalene Thomas. We talked about why Thomas would use the image of Naomi Campbell and why she would reference Ingres' *La Grande Odalisque*. In the classroom, students were tasked with creating a textured background and choosing a person from popular culture they would want to portray. This student created a repetitive pattern by pressing a paper towel into the paint. She then subverted the image of Marilyn Monroe by using mirrors for her eyes, so that viewers had to see themselves in the image of this iconic celebrity.