

DAY 13 | Motif: Chess

TITLE | "Equal but WOW"

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

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Each chess piece has a strategic power. Some are gifted with superior powers (or privileges) than others. The queen has the greatest power of mobility on the chessboard. When the queen stalks the board, no piece is safe, and kings tremble behind their stockade of pawns. A Deaf and hearing queen will always have equal power on the board, but one can't help but notice that the Deaf queen is unique and has a WOW factor. It is vibrant and three dimensional. Whereas the hearing queen is flat, monochromatic and linear. This represents the differences in their languages – signed languages are 3 dimensional, spoken languages are one dimensional/linear. Language is not needed in the game, nevertheless, you can't help but notice the difference – the wow factor. Just as in real life. When people see a Deaf person/community sign, they are attracted, captivated, riveted, fascinated, enthralled, and so on.