

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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Art comes in many forms, and every outlet I use in my life is a creative one (sometimes without even realizing it). I use art to express myself, unburden myself, and celebrate myself in the hopes that any given piece will inspire or comfort the next person. This particular piece (Norma Jean Got It Right) was inspired by one of our most fearless and unapologetic icons in American pop culture. To me, Marilyn Monroe represents finding your own way and owning it, no matter how dark or ugly the road may become at times. I went through many trials and triumphs to become the person I am today and this piece is a snapshot of that. I believe this will resonate with many and will hopefully stir up positive/ uplifting emotions in some way. Thank you.

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