

Artist Statement — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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Hello, my name is Justin Cinquemani.

I am a multi-media Artist from Detroit Michigan.

I specialize in painting and graphite pencil sketch art.

Before my incarceration I pursued Art as a career, displaying my work around Detroit and its surrounding areas. Displaying various pieces at Detroit's local music venues like Tanager Gallery Hastings Street Ball Room, and the old Miami, The Biggest Being St Andrews Hall. up until my incarceration where I felt like I lost everything.

Having this opportunity gives me hope and confidence that I still have a chance at my dream.

I always seem to pull inspiration from the things I read, and all the way from anything in nature. (mostly all from a spiritually standing point.)

At first prison took a toll on these aspects of myself, up until I realized all comes from within. Justin Cinquemani

Thank you prison creative arts program for this opportunity and the university of Michigan. This means a lot to all of us.