

Artist Statement — 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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As an incarcerated artist, I create art that exposes the injustices perpetrated by the American Criminal Justice System against those who populate its so called correctional institutions. In this effort, each of my paintings brings to light unique narratives that would otherwise remain unseen behind the fences and concrete walls that conceal state propagated violence, rape, drug trafficking, and slavery. In the creation of these paintings, I utilize a hybrid style that emphasizes the real but abstract nature of the carceral experience to create images that are confrontational, provocative, defiant, and telling.

Furthermore, I create art to help expand incarcerated person's access to art and art education through such initiatives as the Levitt Fund. The Levitt fund is a scholarship created by me in partnership with Colorado State University-Pueblo that helps to provide a safe encouraging space for incarcerated students to find, exercise, and develop their creative selves. This scholarship is available to incarcerated persons through CSU-Pueblo's Independent Studies. This scholarship is funded, in part, by proceeds raised through the sale of my art.

As a professional artist I am represented by Blo Back Gallery in Pueblo, Colorado. You may view and purchase more of my artwork by visiting their website: www.blobackgallery.com or my Instagram [c.levitt2023](https://www.instagram.com/c.levitt2023).