

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

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I have a total of 26 years of my life incarcerated  
Most of my life's journey as well as my journey to  
becoming a better artist has been in this vacuum  
Isolated from the world ~~in a prison~~. Of many things  
I've learned in here one glaringly painfully obvious thing  
I see daily is that the system is broken ~~broken~~  
~~to the point~~ riddled by deliberate indifference from  
the top to the bottom and from the outside in the piece  
"Institutional lobotomy" is meant to be a view into the  
potential mental effects/ramifications that serving time  
in a broken system' has <sup>potentially</sup> ~~on~~ even the ~~the~~ mentally  
strongest people.

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