

Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

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I use art as a type of mindful meditation. It allows me to escape into another world. Art allows oneself to express the range of their entire soul from joy to the macabre, gloom to eternal bliss and enlightenment. Art quiets the waters of ~~madness~~ madness allowing you to see the true reflection of ones self. My pronouns are them and they not because of Gender Identity, but due to the multitudes of identities that dwell within. My art allows my identities to communicate with one another. Art creates a unity of the mind an internal enlightenment. As <sup>(A Great Comedian)</sup> Bill Hicks once said "We are all one, there is no such thing as ~~death~~ death, only life, and we are the imagination of ourselves." Pick up a pencil, find your truth, realize your peace.

Sincerely From All of Us,  
Matthew, Sophia, Asmodeus, Mimick, Sasha, Vincent, and Avalon

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