

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

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First off, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to see my work. And I hope it is as enjoyable as I feel it should be.

I am an inconsistent artist. What I mean is that I don't draw regularly. I wish I could. But inspiration strikes when it strikes. And sometimes it's just not there.

Often, I sketch idea after idea, only to find that I don't really want to draw it. And it shows in the work. But, for those pieces that really spark my mind and heart, I pour my soul into it. Those are the pieces that I really want to do.

At the end of my serious pieces, I tend to feel drained. I lose sleep as my mind is consumed with the art. I become lost in it. And it flows out of me onto the page, demanding a voice, demanding my best.

Not all pieces turn out. Some are lessons. And as you look at any of my art, both past and present, you can see that I've been studying a variety of styles. But I excel most in realism. Or at least the idea of making it feel real.

When people look at my art, I want them to see something amazing, or to feel something. To explore new things. To adventure and see things differently. I want them to enjoy the experience. And most of all, I want them to understand me a little more than they did before they came.

After all, I'm sharing how I see the world. ☺-ALAN