

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

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Amidst the pending crescendo of hostilities Facing humanity, I feel it necessary for us to put forward our firmest iterations of love according to each of our unique perspectives. As of July 27th 2023, I've been mused by this most potent of substances which prompts all life called love. This piece is dedicated to my love & life partner, Courtney.

"A Blended Blossom" was conceptualized on the premise that the act of love between two beings is a balancing act. Each has a Fairy tale scenario of what love is supposed to be in mind. The left side represents this, a sweet paradise where some of these things are actually possible but not likely. I purposely emboldened these things in ink to accentuate this aspect. The right side, while dreamy and still a form of paradise, is authored more in reality. The rose is purposely reversed as parts of each are able to crossover. There are also spaces representative of the grey area in between.

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