

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

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This painting started with my love of animals. I seen a Bird of Paradise on TV and thought they were beautiful. I'm still a novice painter so I felt like it may be a bit above my skill level to do. After finding a few reference pictures and sketching the bird in various forms, I grabbed my brushes and got to work. I wanted the chaos of the background to clash with the structured lines of the bird & branch. I felt like that would make an interesting combination and I was happy with the results. I chose the background color scheme just out of preference and the birds color scheme using complimentary colors. This isn't a hyper-realistic depiction but I am happy with the outcome. I tried some techniques that were new to me with varying levels of success. I hope people viewing this painting enjoy it as much as I enjoyed painting it.