

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

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ART IS THE PLACE I GO WHEN I NEED TO ESCAPE THE HARSH REALITY
OF MY SURROUNDINGS. FOR ME IT IS THE ULTIMATE FREEDOM - AN AFTER-
NOON SPENT PAINTING IS ONE THAT I WASN'T MENTALLY TRAPPED BY
FOUR WALLS AND MILES OF CONCRETE-TOPPED FENCES.

IN THE PAST A LOT OF MY ART HAS DEALT WITH OVERCOMING ADDICTIONS
(THE ROOT OF MY DOWNFALL). I DECIDED TO APPROACH MY ART A LITTLE
DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR. I CHOSE TO MAKE 2022 A YEAR OF CREATIVE
EXPLORATIONS AND ARTISTIC GROWTH. TO STEP OUTSIDE MY COMFORT
ZONE AND PUSH MYSELF TO THROW CAUTIONS TO THE WIND

THE END RESULT... I FINISHED MORE PAINTINGS AND BROUGHT A MORE
DIVERSE SUBJECT MATTER TO THE PCAP SELECTIONS VISIT THAN I HAVE IN ANY
PREVIOUS YEAR. MORE THAN THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE. (WHICHEVER PIECES ARE
I HOPE
CHOSEN, THAT YOU - THE VIEWERS - ENJOY WHAT YOU SEE. IN MY OPINION, WHAT
MAKES AN INDIVIDUAL ART IS THE EFFECT IT HAS UPON ITS AUDIENCE.

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