

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

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THE STOOL IS THE SIMPLEST OF SEATS. A THRONE FOR EVERYDAY
~~PEOPLE~~ NEED AND OUTCASTS ALIKE. BUT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE A LIFE OF
SOLITUDE, THE KINGDOM OF ONE IS A LONELY AND DESOLATE PLACE.
WITHOUT SUBJECTS OR MEMBERS OF THE COURT, WE RETREAT INTO
OUR OWN MINDS. AND DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, THE STORM
OF DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, AND DOUBT BECOMES TOO MUCH TO BEAR,
AND WE ARE DRIVEN TO ABANDON OUR KINGDOM. TO ABANDON OUR
THRONE. TO ABANDON LIFE. WHEN YOU FEEL LOST, SEEK REFUGE
IN THE CARE OF OTHERS. AND WHEN YOU SPOT A LOST SOUL, BE
THEIR MUCH NEEDED BEACON GUIDING THEM THROUGH THE STORM. NO
MATTER WHAT COMES YOUR WAY, REMEMBER: THIS ~~TOO~~ TOO WILL PASS.

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