

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

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Art for me is an escape from reality. When I'm creating, I'm not locked up, I'm not anywhere - I'm everywhere - wherever I want to be. I chose "the King" because it was at the request of my favorite Aunt. I chose to do "old fellas" because Joe Peci is one of my favorite actors, and I purposely made him dominant in the picture over Robert DeMiro because Joe is always the side kick - the secondary actor, and I root for the little guy - I can relate. I use graphite - more precisely, I get all the many different shades from the same #2 pencil. I just use a unique style of blending. If you look real hard, and know w where to look, you will find the initials of my Aunt and all my kids hidden in the drawing of "the King".

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