

Artist Name: Anastasia

I have been an artist my entire life; my mother says I was born with the. I have never taken any formal art classes, I simply learned/improved by doing. As an artist, I use my work to promote trans-awareness and tolerance toward the LGBTQ+ community, especially inside these prison walls. In this way, my work can be seen as "rebel art," raging against the machine.

In today's political climate the transcommunity is often villainized by the right wing. My art is a voice speaking loud for my people. I refuse to be silent; I will be heard. Like my life, my art is unafraid, unashamed, and unapologetic. ~~Inspiration for me come~~

For me, inspiration comes from the struggle of being openly transgender in a mens prison. I use each experience (good or bad) to fuel my creativity. My language is the blend of shape and color laid out on the canvas. I hope the world is listening.