

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

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This is my first display of completely original work unbenounced to me, everything I've painted in the past two years has had a central theme... "Who am I?" Perhaps this is in part related to the loss of both of my parents to covid 19. My mom in 2021 and my Pops in August of this year. Until now, my identity has been based on what I believed my parents wanted for me.

In these paintings I have connected with my older identical twin sisters (They are fascinating in their likeness) as well as myself and my paternal twin sister in respect to our individuality. In addition, I am facing and dealing with my life long struggle with gender dysphoria in relation to God, family, and society. "My Storm" is indicative of the turmoil of the past two years.

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