

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

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This is my first painting, my creative outlet has always been photography and writing, but I'm taking a class that's making me want to expand how I express myself. The piece I submitted came from an assignment from that class; to trace our hands on paper and to draw within our hands what's in our control, and outside of our hands what's outside of our control. I drew a heart, printed it for this project, with my fingers overlapping it. The purpose is that love is beyond control, we only control how we love. I shaded the fingers w/ blue because my every experience with love has ended with sadness. If my painting can be understood, I hope it's that love is beyond our control

Signature: Matthew Bentley

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