

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

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I AM A PRIMARILY SELF TAUGHT ARTIST WHO HAS LEARNED A TON FROM THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY IN PRISON. I LIKE MOST FORMS OF ART BUT ONE OF MY MAIN FAVORITES IS JAPANIMATION OR (ANIME) IVE ALWAYS LOVED COMIC BOOK AND MANGA ART. I USE ART MAINLY AS A FORM OF ESCAPE AND A WAY TO FEEL CREATIVE. THE PIECES IM SUBMITTING ARE MAINLY OF STRONG EXPRESSION EVEN THOUGH NOT SHOWN STRONGLY ON THE FIGURES FACES (KIND OF DEEPER MEANING). CREATING ARTWORK FOR ME IF I HAVE A SOLID PICTURE IN MY HEAD IS FUN AND PASSIONATE PROCESS WHERE I FEEL EXPRESSED IN MY ART. I CHOSE BLACK AND WHITE WITH A SMALL SPLASH OF COLOR AS IT REMINDED ME OF FRANK HERBERT'S SIN CITY (ONE OF MY FAVORITE ARTS) THAT NOIR STYLE MIXED WITH THE MANGA I THOUGHT WOULD BE AWESOME. I HOPE THESE PIECES INSTILL STRONG EMOTION JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM BUT ALL IN ALL I HOPE THE VIEWER CAN COME TO THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

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