

Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

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MY JOURNEY OF EXPRESSION THROUGH ART BEGAN AS AN OUTLET FOR THE STRESS AND FRUSTRATION I WAS EXPERIENCING. SEEING THE EMOTIONS MY WORK INKED IN OTHERS WHO VIEWED IT CREATED A CONNECTION THAT CANNOT BE DESCRIBED. I HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE THE VERSATILITY OF ACRYLICS AND THEIR MEDIUMS AS THEY LEAD TO DEVELOPING MY STYLE OF CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSIONISM.

THE PIECE "DECONSTRUCTING BEAUTY" IS AN EXPLORATION OF SUBJECTIVITY AND INTROSPECTION; HOW EXTERNAL BEAUTY IN THAT MOMENT FADES, PLACING IMPORTANCE ON WHO WE ARE UNDERNEATH.

"BREAKING WINTER" PAYS HOMAGE TO CANADIAN ARTISTS, THE GROUP OF SEVEN, IN ITS MINIMALISTIC ~~REPRESENTATION~~ PORTRAYAL OF THE CHANGING SEASONS AS THE COLORS OF SPRING EXPLODE THROUGH THE STERILITY OF WINTER.

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