

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

Artist Name: Dylan Dunlap (DD)

My name is Dylan Dunlap, and I've been incarcerated for 10 years now. I'm on my last year of doing time. Art has absolutely saved my life. Luckily, I've had amazing support from my family throughout my incarceration, and I don't know where I'd be without them. I love you mamma! But, unfortunately, when all is said and done, I'm on my own in here; fighting my own battles, seeing my way through the struggles, oftentimes blindly. Aside from my son, art has been my saving grace. I've learned patience, discipline, drive, and even more patience through art. I'm an aspiring Tattoo artist, with an apprenticeship that awaits me when I come home. My biggest motivation is to refine the voice I've found through my artwork, come home and make something of myself my son will be proud of, and be driven to find a voice of his own. Finding my voice through my art has kept me sober, so as long as art is possible, I'll be okay.

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