

Artist Statement — 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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Seeing the image in its entirety, or letting it develop organically. Knowing its name before a mark is made, or discovering it with the work. Subject matter anywhere between transcendent and mundane. Inspiration from anywhere and everywhere.

At the end of the day, I just love the processes behind bringing these images to life, and everything that comes with nurturing them. In particular, I love how they remind me that I'm still human, despite what my environment and circumstances constantly scream in my ears, and that's why I steer away from any overtly prison themed work. I'm not a "prison artist," or even an artist in prison. I'm simply Me. ~~■~~ A man who creates to escape, to feel free, while stuck ~~■~~ behind far too many fences. I hope I've managed to strike the same chords in your heart, mind, and soul, that were struck in mine as I gave the breath of life to these pieces. Be well, and enjoy.