

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

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Being able to draw and paint in here has allowed me to escape these walls, mentally, at least for a couple hours out of the week.

"The Big Unknown" - I've always been drawn to the ocean and great lakes my entire life, so I wanted to capture that feeling of vastness and peace the water brings. And how quickly it can change with the waves, Just like life.

"Survivor: MDOC Edition" - I've always been a big fan of the show, Survivor, so I wanted to paint the logo but with an M.D.O.C. theme. I tried including elements that have stuck out the most to me while being locked up in the M.D.O.C. that I ~~know~~^{hope} other inmates will ^{also} be able to resonate with, ~~which~~^{and} tells a story of what daily life in here looks like.