

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

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The piece titled "Northern Lights" depicts the Aurora Borealis off the coast in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. I think this phenomenon is amazing so I wanted to paint it.

The piece titled "Behind Blue Eyes: The Duality of Man" is my interpretation of the struggle we all face between right and wrong. One side depicts Heavenly light shining down while the other side shows Hell fire coming from below. In the eyes, on the left side, written in Ancient Greek, are the words for Heaven (Οὐρανός), Love (Ἀγάπη), Good (Ἀγαθός) and Life (Ζωή). In contrast, on the right side are the words for Hell (Ἅδης), Hate (Μισῆς), Evil (Πονηρός) and Death (Θάνατος). I believe this projects how we all try to maintain balance as we try to do right.

I love to paint what I feel. "Northern Lights" brings me a feeling of peace. "Duality" brings a sense of balance amongst chaos.

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