

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

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I'm a self taught artist. I'm not new to art, although I've only enter this art show once. I'm a bit selfish with my talent and I usually send my work home. Home is here, Puerto Rico, and Europe. My tool of choice is pen. I love pen! That's where I'm most comfortable in. It's amazing how I'm able to figure out how to fix mistakes (Because pen is not forgiving). I'm extremely proud of my artwork. I'm more of a detailed artist. I like realism, and I think I'm pretty good for a person who's self-taught. I used 24 different watercolor pencils on the eagle, with 10 colors of pen, including neon pens on his eye (will glow under black or blue light). I've always pictured a bird with different color feathers, it could speak to a larger audience. "The Raven" has always been a piece I wanted to do, just didn't know if I could pull it off. I've never drawn birds and wanted to challenge myself. I'm very happy with the outcome. You wouldn't be able to tell, but there's 8 different colors in the raven. The orbs and the roads around the raven are neon and also glow under black or blue light. The blend of green and purple pastel background is one of my favorite parts of this picture. I hope you enjoyed my art, because it means a lot to me. If you decide to obtain one of my pieces, it was a pleasure working on it for the last 2 months. And if you don't, thank you for viewing my creations, adios!

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