

Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

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I began drawing at a young age, I believe between the ages of 8 & 10 yrs old. I got started with looney tunes and disney characters. Around the age of 18 I began drawing tattoo designs and comic book characters. Nothing was original but it was never an exact copy. I would take different parts of designs and piece them together to create my own artwork.

I gave up drawing when I left the military in late 2000 because I had left all of my artwork behind. I didn't pick it back up again until sometime between 2013 and 2015. I began learning about portrait drawing using grids in a class in the facility I currently reside. I love this so much it is only way I draw now.

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