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ARTIST STATEMENT

as a artist i will do what ever i need to continue doing my art. i found that being a criminal helps me continue my art in prison. i've always been a career criminal. the need to do art is number one in my life. second is music. music help me tune out what is going on around me.

the art i create is from how i feel. its always a struggle to keep supplies. the prices of the art supplies has doubled in the last ten years. the restriction to stop inmates from doing art has increased year to year. the simple folks that run the prison want to do away with it entirely. despite all these difficulties i continue to do art.

#342 -Downtown Chicago

i found a picture of Chicago and made a likeness of the skyline. i then added the boat. i also had fun with the sky. i added a planet and a comet. its always nice to find a picture of a famous city to create one of my city scapes.

#351 -Reboot A.I.

this picture was created using multiple reference pictures. the piece was done in pen and water color. i used drawing paper so drying between colors was important so the paper would hold up to getting wet.

#352 -A.I Ash

this picture was done with pen and water color. this was a picture that i drew for a inmate. i did this picture in graphite and was realistic. i then mad a copy of it and turned it into a robot war scene. the entire picture was drawn in pen and the water color was applied over the pen to add color. the values are mostly from the under drawing in pen. some values were created using water color.

#355 -Forgotten Prisoner

i created a picture of a inmate in graphite. when i was done the layout was used to create a pen drawing of the soldier

#357 -Metal Life

this was made from a picture i took when i was in high school. the photo was black and whit. i added cors for how i was feeling that day. this picture was done with pen and water color paint.

#358 -Red Orbs

this picture was drawn in pen first. i then applied water color to the picture. i used drawing paper to do this picture. the water color had to be applied in quick passes to keep the paper from falling apart. it needed to be dried between each coat. in the picture i created different sizes of ball to give the illusion of depth.

#359 -Cool City

this picture was started with a layout in light pencil. then i used water color to create textures in the sky. i then worked on the water next saving the city and water reflections for last. i enjoy the freedom of doing these types of city scenes.

#360 -Strung Together

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this picture was made using a pen to do the layout. then the pictures values were built up with pen. then i applied white color pencil to the stars. the pink swirls were also done in color pencil. i then used water color to apply purple to the background. i erased the stars and pink swirls to remove excess color. i then applied color pencil to the remainder of the pictures. this picture was a nice project of combining simple shapes with linked strings of shapes.

#361 -The Scream

this picture was a nice opportunity to create a picture using crayons. this was my first crayon piece when i thought about what i should do in crayon. the picture was so perfect to me to be done in crayon. i did a layout in pencil and applied color after that.

#362 -Gel Orbs

this piece was done in crayon. i wanted to create a picture with two basic colors. i then broke the spaces up and used several vales of green in the piece.

#363 -Balls Boom

this piece i wanted primarily red. i then applied linked patterns interweaving above the balls. this piece was done in crayon.

#364 -Space Park

this piece was done with several reference pictures of skateboarders. i wanted to think about what a skateboarding park would be like in a space station. this picture was done in graphite.

#365 -Ocean Star

i made a meteor stare sky with a trail to nowhere. i then made a ocean. i was felling this way that day. i put a star in orange. this picture was done with crayon.

#366 -Boat Moon

this picture was done with crayon. i like to use purple so chose some lighter cors to do this city scape.

#367 -Yellow Orchid

i used a picture of a orchid to create this interpretation of this orchid in crayon. the layout was done in graphite pencil.

#368 -Aurora City

the city scape was made with crayon. the purple is a favorite color of mine to represent night.

#369 -Shock Terror

this picture was done in crayon. i did this picture because of all the people telling me that i couldn't do a portrait with crayon.

#370 -Two Fade

this crayon piece was about transitions from one color to the next in rectangle shapes.

#371 -Linked Paths

this piece was done in crayon. the shapes were tied together using the same colors.

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#372 -Chicken Tower

this was a crayon piece with a burst of blues to the right and red ribbons to the left.

#373 -Purple giant

this elephant was done in water color. i wanted to make an elephant other colors than there not.

#374 -Bubbly Check

this water color painting was done to break up the page into a few shapes.

#375 -Another One

this crayon piece was created after watching the news about the wars around the world.

#376 -Red Giant

this elephant was done in water color. i wanted to make an elephant other colors than there not.

#377 -A.I. Trixie

this piece was done with pen and crayon. many reference pictures were used to create this picture. the woman was made from a nearly nude woman that i converted into a robot. after penning in the entire drawing color pencil was used to apply color.

#378 -floating Cubes

this project was started after mixing up a new batch of water color paints. i started with the outside rings and used color that i felt would work good together as i proceeded inward. after finishing this part i made floating cubes. i then laid out a simple two color blended background. this project was enjoyable simple.

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#379 -Port Huron

This project was started from a picture another inmate gave me. he received the picture from the a message on the Jpay system. i was told the picture i made this painting from was taken in port Huron. this picture was copied from the internet. this picture was made for the inmate that gave me the original photograph. i had no intention of selling this picture. recreating the northern lights in this picture was a fun project. i enhance and duplicated the colors as best as i could. i recently purchased twenty sheets of water color paper. its much easier to paint on water color paper.

#380 - farm light

this picture was done with water color paint on water color paper. the most difficult part of this painting was the trees. i spent a day doing this project.

#381 - Future Breakfast

i made this picture thinking about a old diner and what they would like on there walls. the circles represent mass cooked eggs. there are simple waffles with butter round the edges. who wouldn't want watermelon with there breakfast and some purple meat. don't forget the blue sidewalks to find your way there.

#382 -The Escape

this picture layout was done with light yellow. the painting is water color on water color paper. the picture has a city with a alien floating over it. the alien is raining down destruction as the rockets escapes into the universe. this picture was sold before i finished it.

#383 - Waffle City

this picture was done on water color paper with water color paint. the layout was done in pencil. the bottom layer was completed first and then the layers above. the crafts were done last. i chose orange as the base color. this project took two days.

#384 - Nude Lady

this picture was done with water color paint on water color paper. i was inspired watching movies and saw a picture with this theme in a living room on TV. i enjoyed doing the background with the flowers.

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