

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

Artist Name: Brian Sewell

"An Artist Is Born"

Thank you for allowing me to showcase my very first painting, on canvas that is. I got my start painting in 2011 when I volunteered to paint pumpkins for the prison's annual pumpkin painting program. We grow and paint pumpkins that are sold to the public and staff to raise funds for the dog programs at the facility. It was so much fun. As the years went by and I continued to paint more pumpkins each fall, I began to get better skilled. When I'm lost in the moment of creating and working with my hands, it sometimes takes me back to when I was a little kid fingerpainting in kindergarten. My reflection of such a happier time spawned my inspiration for this painting. Appropriately titled: "An Artist is Born".

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