Artist Statement — 29th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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Remember. Our pride and our ability to Love who we have is a gift, A gift that has come a Long way. It is a gift that isn't Store bought, but crafted-Forged in blood and sacrifice by those who fought for the rights we enjoy today. Our Pride it has always existed, it isn't as black and white as it once was, and that's agood thing. We have expanded our rainbow to include many Identities, and gifted each other with Love, Support, Celebration, and paracles However, our pride is Still threatened by bias and predudice of others. So we must remember, this gift is one we must continue to fight for, so it may be gifted to future generations. This gift is not only Love; but determination, not only Support, but Action, not only Celebrations, but demonstations, not only Parades, but Protest with this in mind, my Piece (with the help of Photos from the book "PAGDE - 50 years of Parades and Protest - From the Photo Archieus of the New York Time) Shows our living history, Our Primal instinct to Sit with our Pride, and our emergence from Black and white to the full multicolored beauty of our rainbow. hemember.