

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

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I've only been drawing now for about 10 months. Really I only started drawing because I was going through a super bad breakup & it helped me not think about it & express my emotions through my work. But now I continue to draw because I find it really enjoyable & fun to do. I'm always really proud of the drawings I finish & it just makes me feel really good about myself. I try to encourage other people to draw because I personally find it very therapeutic. I just want to be able to help others have an escape & express their emotions in a healthy way. Some of my drawings always have a deeper meaning to them such as Speak of Sorrow, Wraiths, & Agony. I like to leave it up to other people to try & figure out those meanings. I just feel art should be abstract sometimes. Plus I find it very enjoyable to see people's perspectives & how they break down the meaning of the work.

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