

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

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This piece is a visual representation of my healing process. After doing some shadow work I stopped fighting with my demons and skeletons in my closet. I started to analyze and look at all my short comings, mistakes, and trauma in a non-judgemental way. Reconnecting with my roots in Kemetic (Ancient Egypt) and Santería I found the strength to dance with the Devil. Which I come to discover is also myself. I am my worst critic, enemy, opposition. Even so, I've learned to love, accept, <sup>nurture</sup> ~~nurture~~ all parts of myself. Not just the light but the dark as well.

"True knowledge can only come from the understanding of the union of opposites" - Ancient Egyptian Proverb.

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