

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

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The artist David Choe once said, "It's possible to make great art when you're happy, but the best art in the universe is created under immense pain." Whether to channel your trauma into poignant pictures or to brighten your dreary level 4 cell with splashes of color, artwork makes for excellent catharsis. I create simply because I feel a deep and burning ~~to~~ desire to hurl my thoughts out into the zeitgeist, ~~to~~ with the hope that I might inspire joy and creativity in others, in the same way my artistic rolemodels inspired me. Because in a strange way, art is one of the only real ~~to~~ ways to synthesize your own suffering into true positivity.

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