

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

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I CHOSE TO DISPLAY SOMETHING I SEE IN A COMICAL FASHION TO EMPHASIZE IT. THERE ARE A LOT OF LOST SOULS STILL ATTEMPTING TO BE RELEVANT AND TO BE REMEMBERED, FEELING A NEED TO ADVERTISE FALSEHOODS, GLORIFICATIONS, GRANDIOUS FANTASIES, AND WEAR OTHER MASKS TO HIDE THEIR TRUE SELVES. THEY WEAR EGO AS ARMOR, AND WHEN CHALLENGED, RESORT TO ANGER AND VIOLENCE, RETALIATING AGAINST THE OFFENSIVE ORIGIN THAT MADE THEM FEEL VULNERABLE.

MY OTHER WORKS ARE BASED IN THE REALMS OF SOCCER, WHICH IS MY FAVORITE SPORT. THE USA WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM IS MY FAVORITE, CONSISTENTLY DISPLAYING A COMPETITIVE LEVEL OF SKILL OVER THE PAST FEW DECADES. ONE PLAYER STANDS OUT TO ME MORE THAN THE REST, AND ITS NOT ABOUT SOCCER. SHE REMINDS ME OF WHAT MY CHILDREN GREW UP WITHOUT. HER DAD WASN'T THERE FOR HER EITHER. AND HER STORY ABOUT HIM BREAKS MY HEART.

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