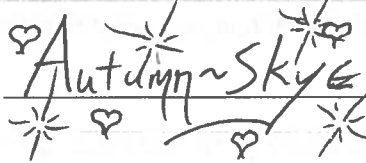


Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

Artist Name:  Autumn~Skye

As a trans-girl who grew-up as a Native Lakota ~~a family of~~ I often had no one to play with, confide in ~~or~~ talk to. I spoke to people with my creativity, I cried out in my art. I learned that people listen to me through my art, they understood & I would find peace. Art & my music became my 'raison d'être' or 'Wowiyunkċaŋ' (reason for being). And today I'm telling you who I am "I-AM-AUTUMN~SKYE!" & where my soft-spot is "My Little Sister Destiny Rae". I hope you hear my words. Listen closely.

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