

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

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FIRST I WOULD TO THANK PCAP MEMBERS FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAP INTO TALENTS I DID NOT KNOW I HAD AND FOR OF YOUR SUPPORT AND KINDNESS. ESPECIALLY MS. JANIE PAUL, MR. BUZZ ALEXANDER AND MR. GRAHAM HAMILTON WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN ME CREATIVE SPACE, BUT FOR BEING GREAT FRIENDS, MOTIVATORS AND HELPING ME BECOME A BETTER PERSON AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I HAVE LEARNED THAT:

"YOU NEVER ALLOW WHAT YOU CANNOT DO TO INTERFERE WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS YET TO BE PERFECTED." THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS TO THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS TO LIVE UP TO ONE'S OPPORTUNITIES AND MAKE THE BEST OF ONE'S RESOURCES.

NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LAST YEAR'S GUEST MORGAN AND SAMU, FOR YOUR KIND AND INSPIRING WORDS AND COMPLIMENTS ON MUSIC CITY YOUR WORDS ARE TRULY APPRECIATED AND I AM HAPPY THAT MUSIC CITY BROUGHT J.V AND A SMILE AND GOOD MEMORIES THAT IS ALWAYS MY GOAL TO EMPATHIZE WITH OTHERS AND TRY TO UPLIFT THEIR SPIRITS AND MAKE THEIR JOURNEY A LITTLE BETTER.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF MY SUPPORTERS AND ALL THE GUESTS AT THE ART EXHIBITION.

MY FIRST PICTURE IS CALLED: "ATTENDING THE LAW LIBRARY;" "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND HOW TO PROTECT AND ENFORCE YOUR RIGHTS IN AMERICA." I WAS INSPIRED TO DO THIS PIECE, BECAUSE FOR ME AND OTHERS LIKE ME WE ARE FORCED TO STUDY THE LAW, RULES AND CONSTITUTION TO FREE OURSELVES FROM PRISON, TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE, INHUMANE TREATMENT, AND CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT, BUT PEOPLE IN SOCIETY MUST GO TO THE LAW LIBRARY TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HOW TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS AND ENFORCE YOUR RIGHTS, RIGHT TO ABORTION, TO VOTE, EQUAL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS, WOMEN RIGHTS ETC... THIS PIECE HAS A SELF- PORTRAIT OF ME IN THE LAW LIBRARY.

MY 2ND PICTURE WAS INSPIRED BY MORGAN AND SAMU, ITS CALLED "A NIGHT OUT AT MORGAN AND SAMU'S HOUSE OF BLUES" (FEATURING MS. FREDA PAYNE), ALL COUPLES CAN USE A DATE NIGHTS OUT, TO RELAX AND UNWINE AND ENJOY THEMSELVES AWAY FROM EVERYONE AND WITH BETTER PLACE THEN A BLUES AND/OR JAZZ CLUB. I GREW UP ON BLUES AND JAZZ FROM MY GRANDMOTHER, I THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THIS YEAR.

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