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Artist Statement:

Through every art piece created, I strive to convey the intricate tapestry of emotions and experiences that define the human condition. I believe that every stroke of color, line, spatial arrangement, or texture in my work carries a profound message, allowing viewers to immerse themselves in the intricate narrative I seek to express.

In an ideal world, I envision a profound connection between the audience and the art, where every shade of color and pencil mark instantly communicates the underlying intentions. As an artist, I am fueled by the enchanting journey viewers embark upon, attempting to decipher the genuine message and emotions concealed within each piece. It is this captivating voyage that serves as the wellspring of my inspiration.

Artistic Style:

My artistic endeavors are driven by an exploration of emotions, feelings, and the enigmatic aspects of life. I find myself inherently drawn to darker and more contemplative subject matter. I primarily focus on creating pieces with a Chiaroscuro mood of tone, as I believe it best complements the profundity of such themes. Nevertheless, I am equally passionate about venturing into a broader spectrum of colors and psychedelic imagery, particularly when working with brighter palettes.

I have a penchant for acrylic and oil paints when using vibrant colors and exploring contrasting themes. My skill in still life is a cornerstone of my artistic repertoire, adapting it to various forms and mediums. Drawing materials, specifically graphite and charcoal, serve as my preferred tools for this particular aspect of my work.

Creative Process:

My creative process commences with a meticulous mental image of the message I wish to convey to my audience. I deconstruct these ideas into their elemental forms, sketching numerous rough drafts to ensure alignment with my vision of completion. This often leads to a smaller rendition of the composition, which I use as a reference for creating the final piece on a larger scale.

I am deliberate and methodical in my work, taking my time to ensure textures and details are conveyed with precision and depth. My artistic strengths lie in my ability to analyze and replicate realistic textures, instilling my art with an authentic and tactile quality.

Artistic Philosophy:

As we navigate the complex terrain of human existence, we are universally confronted with questions about the ideals imposed upon us by society. Life itself is a tumultuous journey filled with moments of confusion, excitement, frustration, and pain, and it is these experiences that affirm our existence. I draw inspiration from these profound moments of reflection, breaking them down into images that I believe encapsulate their essence in its simplest form.

My art is a reflection of the human experience, a testament to the beauty and complexity of our shared journey through life. It is my hope that my work serves as a mirror, allowing viewers to contemplate their own experiences and emotions through the prism of my art.

Experience:

- SCCC Student Show: Fall 2022 & Spring 2023

Education:

- Currently attending SCCC for an Associate of Fine Arts (AFA)

Thank you for taking the time to explore my artistic journey.

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