

My Artist Statement

The moment I fell in love for the first time in high school, was the moment I gained a new perspective on the true beauty of a person. Ever since then, I could not stop the secret analyzation in my head of the way faces are structured and the pure expressions one can make when they're free from self-consciousness. Despite never confessing my feelings, I am forever thankful for learning of a new artistic and emotional perspective. Now, I can see the beauty in everyone and everything. Through the wrinkles in the eyes and the dots on someone's skin. In the hard working hands of those who write or play music. Through the pure smile of a beloved, under the golden rays of the sun. This was the drive that led me wanting to express my emotions through drawing, especially with figures and portraits showcasing human expression.

Ever since I was born, creativity had been flowing through the blood in my veins. My love for creating has never ceased to exist. Throughout the years I've gathered many different ways to be able to express myself artistically, whether it was through the folds of a paper, music, poems, through camera work, and finally through learning how to draw. My art represents where I came from, my struggles, and my growth over the years.

My art also represents a revelation that pursuing art is what I needed to do. That realization dawned upon me, simply with seeing the works of many other dedicated student artists. My heart longed to be able to express myself the same way and that's when I realized that pursuing art myself, is my key to love and happiness. It's where I belong. Ever since then, I've dedicated my time to being able to learn and do what I love happily, because happiness and love are two major things a human being cannot live without. Now my dream is to change the minds of people, create a unity amongst world, and share the beauty of all the good we have to offer through all types of art mediums.

My artwork does not match a professionals' but it represents me as a person: who I was then, who I am now, and my ambition to become someone in the artist world. Now, I look at my hands and think to myself, 'I love them for what they are able to do. For being able to fold paper with dozens of scrapes on my fingers, for being able to capture beauty with the lens of any camera, and for being able to draw to represent what I feel.' That is an artist's dream.

What is not displayed here is what I want to become in the future: a film director. My films lie in secrecy: in my head and in my stories. Some are unmade and others are stored in the past. This display is the expansion of my skills, my dedication, my eyes and my life, my emotions and everything in between. I will continue to work hard to pursue what I want, for who I want, and with the power of those who believe in me. It's not only about the art I make now that makes me an artist, but with the way I see and think, and my foreseeable future of wanting to become more of myself as an artist using different mediums, is what makes me who I am. To me, this is what already makes me a True Artist.

-Rosemary Maldonado, April 2017