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Artist Statement

Dear Reader,

When creating a work of art my hope and purpose is to transform a seemingly valueless piece of paper into something with meaning. Usually my work's intention is to invoke an emotion or feeling in those who see it. The piece becomes a snapshot of life and sometimes give a glimpse into the human spirit.

The purpose of my artwork is generally direct and uniform, however when it comes to technique I find myself inspired in many arenas. When using graphite and color pencils my expressions usually take form in realism. I pay great attention to detail, lighting, values, proportion and subject matter. The pencil allows for the fine and meticulous strokes necessary for the texture and pattern found in nature and man made objects. On the other hand, when I use oil or chalk pastels I enjoy implementing broad and imperfect strokes. Also, I'll often use unusual color combinations in shading and shadowing to create interested. These together encourage the imagination to create it's own story, giving the piece a unique life force. In pen and ink, I enjoy utilizing the stippling effect pure black ink. I find the two tones of black and white that create an illusion of values intriguing and an interest to the eye.

Whatever the technique, I always try to keep each piece in perspective. My hope is to use my talents to create purposeful works of art. I strive to make images that bring joy and happiness to all those who see and admire them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for showing interest in my artwork. I hope you too will find as much pleasure in viewing my art as I did in creating it.

In Him,



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