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Artist Statement

I believe that regular self-examination is one of the kindest acts of love. My passion is for the exploration of monotony, not the grandiose. I want to understand how negligible encounters and occurrences permanently shift the realities of each involved individual. I want to understand how these experiences hang silently for years before being fully processed. I want to understand how, at moments, the brain strains to say absolutely nothing, yet we fill in the blanks with fallacies and strange language. I need to understand the connecting pulse flowing between Mother Earth, my ancestors, and myself. I am aware that what I purge to create tangible art is my way of continuing a narrative that started long before me and will continue long after I am gone, but while I am here, I will ambitiously live out this purpose.

Exhibitions and Projects

2024 — Featured Live Artist, Painting, Benson First Friday, Omaha, NE

2023 — Group Exhibition, Black Art Matters '23, Austin, TX

2022 — Group Exhibition, Elements & Identity by Paradox Productions, Austin, TX

2022 — Group Exhibition, Richies Art Gallery, Austin, TX

2022 — Solo Exhibition, The Turbine Flats, Lincoln, NE

2021 — Black Americans Mural, by The South Omaha Mural Project — Assistant Artist, Omaha, NE

2021 — The Grove Juicery Mural — Solo Designer and Artist, Omaha, NE

2021 — Solo Exhibition, Goldsmith Silversmith, Omaha, NE

2021 — Group Exhibition, Lion's Mane Vintage, Omaha, NE

2021 — Featured Live Artist, Painting, Benson First Friday, Omaha, NE

2021 — Group Exhibition, Modus, Omaha, NE

2019 — Group Exhibition, OutrSpaces, Omaha, NE

Artwork in Collections

Private Collections, Omaha, NE, USA

Private Collection, Arizona, USA

Private Collection, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Private Collections, Austin, TX, USA

Private Collection, Atlanta, GA, USA

Education and Honors

University of Nebraska, Omaha - Bachelor's Degree in Art History, Minor in
Black Studies, Winter 2023

Student Marshall for School of Communications, Fine Arts, and Media

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Work Experience

August 2022 - April 2023— Assistant Curator for “Prints in Color” exhibition,
Roberta & Bob Roger's Gallery, Omaha, NE

August 2021 - December 2022— Archival Assistant in UNO Gallery

2022 — Co-coordinator of Annual Food & Gratitude Earth Day Event, Omaha,
NE

Publications and Honors

2021 — Populus Fund Grant, from The Union of Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE

2020 — Title Mag, Interview and Feature
