



# ART FROM THE INSIDE

**GIVING A VISUAL VOICE** TO INCARCERATED ARTISTS

## THE VISION.

Art From the Inside empowers incarcerated artists to experience personal transformation and restoration by giving them an opportunity to express themselves visually. Our mission is twofold. **1.** Through art, the incarcerated are able to rediscover purpose, inspiration, and an outlet for emotions. **2.** Through exhibits, we inspire dialogue about the complexities of our criminal justice system.

239

PIECES OF ART  
CREATED

126

INCARCERATED  
PARTICIPANTS

25

EVENTS

**\*AND COUNTING!**



ARTIST: BEN ADAMS



ARTIST: E.A.



ARTIST: L. MAURICE MARTIN

## THE INSPIRATION.

The movement was created out of a need for healing, transformation and forgiveness after Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF) officer, Joseph Gomm, was horrifically killed at the hands of an incarcerated individual. Following the tragedy, friend and fellow correctional officer, Antonio Espinosa recognized how much pain and brokenness had overtaken the community at MCF-Stillwater so he began to develop initiatives focused on rebuilding. Bringing educational and cultural events to the facility proved to be a bridge for hope, understanding and commonality between the officers and the incarcerated. This led Antonio to fully develop what is now Art from the Inside (AFTI).



CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, JOSEPH GOMM



FOUNDER: ANTONIO ESPINOSA  
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I'm just one person trying to make a change in our system. I want to help transform these men and help the community heal after the killing of my friend and fellow correctional officer. Art happened to be the vehicle that brought us together to have these difficult conversations. I want to inject positivity and pride, an appreciation of diverse cultures, and remind everyone that there is still hope and happiness in a chaotic world.

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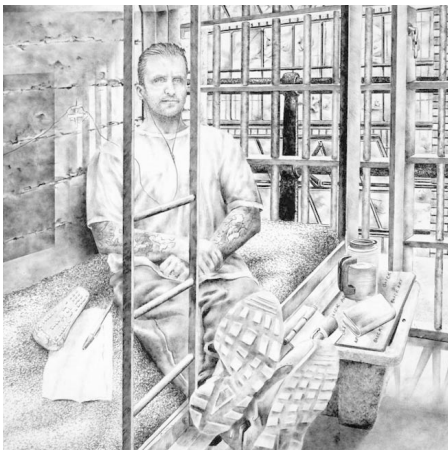
# THE ART & ARTISTS.

95% of people serving time will come home to our communities. We know that transformation and redemption is possible for all of us. We are all more than the worst thing we have done. Allowing people to reclaim their humanity enables rehabilitation, positive change, safer prisons and safer communities. AFTI does this by giving the incarcerated a visual voice.

<https://www.artfromtheinsidemn.org/artists>



By giving the incarcerated artists a platform, we encourage redemption narratives and a public belief in second chances—INCARCERATED ARTIST, C. B.



ARTIST: DORWEILER



ARTIST: A.W



ARTIST: J.T.S.

WE BELIEVE ART PROVIDES THE SPACE TO IMAGINE  
NEW WAYS OF BEING **AND TO RECOGNIZE OUR PERSONAL  
AND COLLECTIVE POWER TO CHANGE.**

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