

### **Artist Statement**

As one of the many artists wandering in the name of art, I create art because when words are unable to convey what I yearn to wholeheartedly express. Art acts as the medium and catalyst to connect and bond with people whether it's sharing breathtaking artwork with your own friends, to take a moment in a day of light to gaze upon the masterpiece that looms over you. My way of tackling art is because it's a skill I enjoy expanding my horizon of the many possibilities to convey a story ranging from illustrating the designs out, communicating the raw emotions to stir up emotions in others, and conceptualizing ideas into a design to start off somewhere in the plan. Everything roots in the concept, yet there are multiple routes in growing that bud of an idea to sprout into the version that is most true to what the idea was meant to convey.

The first time I fell down the rabbit hole that is art, is when I first picked up the pencil with my childish dexterity to scribble nonsense on line paper. Doodling intangible lines and messily filling in the blank gaps with an assortment of crayon and color pencil marks all around. Especially adding a touch of life in my notebook and sketch books, the papers are dying of a spark of color in them. From there onward, doodling away my own characters and daydreaming of the many scenarios with my characters acting out like a play I express out at every chance the opportunity arises. Each of those rough sketches have a tiny shard of my thoughts and emotions expressed through when I was in my own imaginary world.

My art journey into the digital art realm started with me photoshopping on my phone with Procreate with no pen stylus which made it a struggle to digitally illustrate. Yet at least, I could quickly scribble ideas and create meme images from editing a mix of my friends and

pictures from the internet to send to my friends to add more fuel to the conventions we would have. Despite the images drawn look nonsensical, they were works of art that expressed happiness and funny moments in different ways.

Now that I've gotten about two years of digital media art exposure from learning about what DMA is and what you can create with DMA, to forming connections with my fellow DMA peers like from classes and in clubs - SJSU Game Dev Club and CADRE S.O. of the many career paths that DMA can lead me to and what it means to be a DMA artist. While there will be times where I stumble around to find my standing as an artist, I yearn to continue sailing onward in continuing my journey in further developing my skills to create more works of expressive artwork to toss into the void of this world to fuel this world's hunger for more art. For every creation starts off with a concept that can be interpreted in different ways, which it's up to us artists to draw up the truest vision to make that concept come to life.