

Ceferino Artist Statement

My name is Ceferino, I am an upcoming artist from Long Beach, California. I have always liked the concept of creating something with your own hands but didn't know what to create nor how to express myself through paint. I decided to take art seriously when I got into college three years ago. In those three years I decided to take an artistic journey and started exploring different kinds of art movements, subject matter and different techniques. My current works are inspired by both figurative and abstract painting. In my current works I want to showcase how disturb the human body can be as well as how disturbing the human consciousness can be. I'm both inspired by what's in the unknown (death) and how the mind can disturb the way we view our surroundings and life in general. Luckily one of my first and recent works was selected to be in this year's made in California group exhibition. My work "insanity" is inspired by past life experiences related to schizophrenia. In this work I want to show how a person can/will feel when experiencing this illness. In this painting we see a figure trying to escape a dark room but it's blocked by what appears to be another figure whose body is distorting into a bat shaped like with big arms in the shape of claws. There's also a dog who appears to be barking at the figure trying to escape the room. This dog can mean anything from the dog sensing danger to the dog not being a dog at all instead an evil spirit shaped like a dog in the room.