

Jessica Talamantes Artist Statement

Exploring the depths of her unconscious mind, self-taught portrait artist, Jessica Talamantes, uses her divine insights to guide her artistic journey. She primarily works with charcoal as she navigates through the existential dread that may arise from connecting deeply with yourself. In her piece, *Know Thyself*, Ms. Talamantes depicts herself at the mercy of the scorpion, a visual reminder that her focus must be redirected when lost, as her gaze is controlled by a piece of herself—the creature symbolic of her zodiac sign. Based in the Inland Empire, Ms. Talamantes uses art as a form of healing, with artwork ranging from straightforward representations of beauty to cathartic renditions of her mental turmoil. Her intentions are to inspire others to reflect on their own inner workings, as she reaches her own personal breakthroughs. To view more of her work, Ms. Talamantes may be found on all platforms through her handle @bloodycaca.