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I paint moments. A moment of peace, a moment of tranquility, a moment of contemplation. Each moment is different from all others in subject matter and composition, yet all are similar in the endeavor to draw each viewer nearer, to embrace the quiet calm within each of us. I want viewers to stop and absorb life.

My work acts as an invitation to escape the ugliness that often exists in the world. Often times we are trying so hard to get through life. We make judgements about ourselves and others without even realizing it. My work asks these questions: What would happen if we allowed ourselves to see, observe, and breathe without time constraints or voices dictating how we should think or react? What if we permitted ourselves to become immersed in a moment and breathe? My works provide a space free from clutter, where one can find inner peace, breathe, and see for the first time.

I am a figurative artist who focuses on ordinary people and everyday objects. The source of my work is my love for my family. The people in my paintings are often family members. I paint portraits because I can zoom in and focus on broad areas and then simplify them. I use both oil and graphite, turning to graphite when I want to enhance an emotion or the moodiness in my work. I apply graphite in a painterly fashion as one would manipulate acrylic paint.

It is my hope that my paintings will incite a feeling of warmth, presenting the possibility of thoughts that take you away from the stresses of day-to-day life – that they give you the opportunity to experience life differently, stirring within you some sense of peace because, after all, there is power in peace.
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2019
*A cup of tranquility*
Oil on canvas board
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2019
*Black gardenia 1*
Graphite on linen
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2019
*Black gardenia 2*
Graphite on linen
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2019
Black gardenia 2 (close up)
Graphite on linen
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2017
*Cecelia Reed*
Graphite on canvas
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2017
*Dysfunctional parasol*
Graphite on canvas
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2019
*Goodnight sweet Lorraine*
Oil on linen
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2018
*Hello beautiful*
Graphite on canvas
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2019
*Inner peace*
Oil on linen
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2018
*My brother*
Graphite on canvas
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2018
*Navigating life (He side-eyed me)*
Acrylic on canvas
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\textit{Philonese Foster}
Graphite on canvas
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2018
\textit{Self portrait}
Oil on canvas
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2017
\textit{The watcher}
Graphite on canvas board
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\textit{Three windows}
Oil on linen
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Deitra Charles
2018
\textit{Untitled}
Oil on canvas
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2019
Gallery view 1
Graphite on canvas
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Gallery view 2
Graphite on canvas
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Gallery view 3
Graphite on canvas
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Gallery view 4
Graphite on canvas
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Gallery view 5
Graphite on canvas
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