

## **Charly Palmer Artist Statement**

I am not often asked to write a artist statement about the art that comes through me. I find it awkward having to explain this art. Because there are times that am not exactly sure what it is that this art is saying. My desire is to tell the story of the unsung hero, to honor my elders, to show my love for where I've come from, but what I have come to except is that what comes out of me is not of me but of we, if that makes any sense. I understand that I am only an instrument, a vessel simply expressing higher power. I have discovered in sharing this art with others ultimately the work is for that person that makes the emotional connection to that piece. I feel blessed to be in a place where I am an instrument and if I may be so bold to say an instrument that provokes, evokes thought and or dialogue. I believe that my job is to create something that moves the viewer. You don't have to like the work, I only need you to feel it. Then I know that I am doing what the spirit has lead me to do. Thank you.