

**Christie Bogner**  
**Artists Statement**

My art has always been a product of the deepest crevasses of my mind. I am constantly changing my thoughts and my mindset, and whatever comes to me or whatever is residing in my brain is what forces its way out through my fingertips. My intention with my art is to purely make myself happy, although that hasn't always been true. But, I've come to this point where my art is now and forever will be for myself, choosing to share it with others to view and interpret. My art is my entire vessel, and I am honored to be able to share it with the world to show who I really am.

The pieces in my portrait series of 2019, are pieces that express my inner self. I wanted to explore the depths, crevasses, and hidden corners of my mind. I wanted to reveal this darkness that should be visible to everyone, to release an awful stigma. I've represented gory, disturbing, and unsettling imagery to represent how I have been mentally damaged and tormented throughout my life. My first priority was to address that what goes on inside is very real, and very dangerous to the human body and psyche, just like any other physical ailment. I want people to view these works and experience feelings, whatever they may be. These characters are representations of both mental ailments, as well as the demons that live inside my brain, and how vile they can be. Especially noting their influence and the toll they take on my mind.