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Ethical Statement of Artistry

I am an artist.
I am a collector of wonder.
I am a defender of expression.
I am an investigator of truth.
I am a file cabinet of my experiences and
The experiences I've had the privilege to hear.
I am a Storyteller that collects images, words, feelings
And hope. Hope for greater understanding & empathy.

I am a cultivator.
A caretaker. A groundskeeper.
A grower of beauty that did not begin
with me. And will not end with
My voice and spirit.
I listen to the earth beneath me
(the soil that is not mine)
The vines around me
The sun above me
The weeds my history
helped to plant.

I am the gentle hum of wind rustling through the trees.
A subtle movement that realizes it does not come
For a place to stay. But instead comes
Because it is grateful to move through
The leaves of hopes and dreams
Attached to branches of injustice and longing
Running into trunks of personal strength and resilience
Rooted in community.

I am negative space.
The connective tissue between what is seen.
The road map of thumb tacks and yarn webs
Used to Highlight, Interpret, Preserve.
The world through eyes of souls
Other than mine.
I listen and offer,
But do so in action
And never in judgment.
Willing to listen
And always to learn
Of things I may never experience.
Sharing stories with breaths of compassion
But only the tales I have permission to tell
And only those which bring us together
In equity, inclusion, and human rights.

I gratefully and gravely accept responsibility for
ethical artistry and reciprocal collaboration in my work as
An Artist.