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Prompt #24: "I know for sure that art saves lives" - Colman Domingo

Title: Art Saves Lives (Drawings, Animation, Website)



I rarely get brave enough to enter competitions, but this struck a personal chord. I saw the competition by chance, and I say that 'art saves me' on a regular basis, so it stopped me in my tracks…

After lockdown handed me a 'break' in the form of two major surgeries, I started to dip my tentative toes back in to the work a few months ago and now I've built new works, and even started to sculpt... a thing I never thought I'd be 'good enough' at.

I completed 'Odette - A Study' a small set of works, including drawings, a painting and a sculpture of Fumi Kaneko in the role of Odette in The Royal Ballet's Swan Lake, a couple of months ago, for me, Odette is an inspiring character, she is so brave and good, even when hope is lost.

I have hope now though, and hopefully a thousand works ahead of me, each one filling my heart and literally getting me out of bed every day with purpose and for someone who chronic disease has taken so much autonomy and hope away from, this truly has saved my life.

Art is a conversation across language barriers, across distance, and across adversity.

I now have things to look forward to again, I truly worried that would never happen. But a few lines of lead, sincerely scribbled, go a long way. I wanted to at least share that truth about art and I figured this was a good time to be brave and talk about it... I'm amazed by it every day. In the dancers, in myself and in other wonderful artists.







