

## **ARTIST BIO**

Dakota Memorial School is a non-profit, accredited private school. We blend art therapy, trauma informed care, and education. As our CEO, Joy Ryan, states, “At first our kids can appear beaten down, defiant, different, or angry. We chose to see the real story; that they are God’s treasures, with gifts of laughter and kindness in them.”

We are blessed to work with these remarkable young people who have achieved and overcame so much in their lives.

Every day our students continue to impress and inspire those around them and their instructors. These children are extremely talented, resilient, and intelligent.

The lyrics and music for the opening reception of this exhibit were written and composed by the students at DMS in collaboration with educator, author, and speaker Dr. Monte Selby.