

## MAYA LEWIS, ARTIST STATEMENT:

FOR SO LONG, I STRIVED TO GET THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF MY VIEWERS THAT MY WORK IS GOOD ENOUGH, BUT MAYBE IT'S ONLY GOOD ENOUGH IF I FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT. WITH THIS WORK, I PROMISED MYSELF THAT I WOULD CREATE SOMETHING THAT BROUGHT ME PURE, IMMENSE JOY.

CANDY IS ANYTHING BUT SIMPLE, AND IF YOU LOOK PAST ITS SUGAR COATING YOU'LL SEE IT TOO. IT HAS A LARGER THAN LIFE IMPACT ON ME AND I WANT MY VIEWERS TO SEE MY DEEP, UNBREAKABLE CONNECTION WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER. HOPEFULLY IT BRINGS YOU AS MUCH JOY AS CANDY HAS BROUGHT ME. BESIDES, WHO DOESN'T LOVE CANDY?