

## VANESSA GRAY, ARTIST STATEMENT:

MY NAME IS VANESSA AKA CREATIVENESS. I AM FROM SYRACUSE NY. MY DREAM IS TO BE A DOPE ARTIST AND BUSINESS OWNER. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A CREATIVE INDIVIDUAL. THROUGHOUT MY LIFE I HAVE USED ART AS AN EMOTIONAL OUTLET WHETHER IT WAS THROUGH MUSIC, PAINTING OR DANCE. I SPECIALIZE IN MAKING BLACK ART BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE MY HISTORY IS NOT FORGOTTEN NOR OVERLOOKED. AS A BLACK WOMAN MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY APPRECIATED. WITH ART, I CHOSE TO APPRECIATE MY PEOPLE AND MYSELF. MY ART IS A PART OF ME. EACH CANVAS HAS A STORY AND I WANT TO SHARE THAT STORY WITH THE WORLD.