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Statement

Because as humans our frailty prevents us from revealing our weakness, sadness or pain, we hide behind humor, laughter and playfulness. Despite ourselves, we use this absurdity to confront tragedy.

My portraits and ensemble sketches contain all the core elements of artificial playfulness yet they expose the veneer to reveal the pain beneath. My charcoal, pencil and acrylic artworks deliberately impose a dark, bleak vision directly contrasted by the incongruous humor in each piece.

My works exposes the unique masks of deception our characters wear innately, using subtle absurdities to hint at this subversion.