



## **Artist Statement**

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Forgiveness, to me, is the release of all hope for a better past. I have found difficulty in articulating certain events in my past that carry the heaviest emotional burdens. Being quiet about these moments has stifled my voice for expression.

The lack of control in these pivotal events has left me feeling unresolved. In order to rectify this discomfort I form highly controlled compositions within my work. Creating small details, such as a clean screen printed line or a tight embroidery stitch, allows me to have a sense of power that I do not typically have. Presenting these works in constricted environments is an echo of the preservation of these memories.

My work in fiber is a means of expressing feelings I find difficult but necessary to verbalize. The methodical, meditative processes of this art complement the processes of rumination and reflection that I often find myself in.

This is the beginning of a conversation about significant personal events in the attempt to reach a state of acceptance, thankfulness, and forgiveness.

This is an apology to the both of us for how long it took me to finally let things go.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Original Format</u>
<b>Figure 1:</b> An Unexpected Moment of Truth 1	Fiber	Cotton, Inkjet Print, Embroidery Floss, 7"x9"
<b>Figure 2:</b> An Unexpected Moment of Truth 2	Fiber	Cotton, Inkjet Print, Embroidery Floss, 7"x9"
<b>Figure 3:</b> An Unexpected Moment of Truth 3	Fiber	Cotton, Inkjet Print, Embroidery Floss, 7"x9"
<b>Figure 4:</b> I am Still Here, detail	Fiber	Hand-dyed Cotton, 62"x20"
<b>Figure 5:</b> I am Still Here	Fiber	Hand-dyed Cotton, 62"x20"
<b>Figure 6:</b> I am Still Here, detail	Fiber	Hand-dyed Cotton, 62"x20"
<b>Figure 7:</b> I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 1	Fiber	Hand-dyed and Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, Crewel Wool, Laser cut wood frames, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 8:</b> I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 1, detail	Fiber	Hand-dyed and Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, Crewel Wool, Laser cut wood frames, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 9:</b> I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 2	Fiber	Hand-dyed and Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, Crewel Wool, Laser cut wood frames, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 10:</b> I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 2, detail	Fiber	Hand-dyed and Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, Crewel Wool, Laser cut wood frames, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 11:</b> My Silence is Not a Lack of Words	Fiber	Screen print, Embroidery Floss, Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 12:</b> My Silence is Not a Lack of Words, detail	Fiber	Screen print, Embroidery Floss, Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 13:</b> My Silence is Not a Lack of Words, detail	Fiber	Screen print, Embroidery Floss, Hand-woven Cotton Fabric, 12"x6"
<b>Figure 14:</b> Stronger Than You	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames
<b>Figure 15:</b> Stronger Than You, detail	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames
<b>Figure 16:</b> Stronger Than You, detail	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames
<b>Figure 17:</b> Stronger Than You, detail	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames
<b>Figure 18:</b> Stronger Than You - Rabbit	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames, 8.5"x6.5"
<b>Figure 19:</b> Stronger Than You - Deer	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames, 9.5"x7"
<b>Figure 20:</b> Stronger Than You - Hands	Fiber	Screen print, Muslin, Embroidery Floss, Beads, Hand-dyed Laser cut frames, 8.5"x6.5"
<b>Figure 21:</b> This is Not Your Home 1	Fiber	Paper Wasp Nest, Hand-dyed Cotton String, 7.5"x9"
<b>Figure 22:</b> This is Not Your Home 2	Fiber	Paper Wasp Nest, Hand-dyed Cotton String, 7.5"x9"
<b>Figure 23:</b> This is Not Your Home 3	Fiber	Paper Wasp Nest, Hand-dyed Cotton String, 7.5"x9"



Figure 1: An Unexpected Moment of Truth 1.



Figure 2: An Unexpected Moment of Truth 2.



Figure 3: An Unexpected Moment of Truth 3.



**Figure 4: I am Still Here, detail.**



Figure 5: I am Still Here.



**Figure 6: I am Still Here, detail.**



Figure 7: I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 1.



Figure 8: I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 1, detail.



Figure 9: I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 2.



Figure 10: I Wish You Held On Instead of Letting Go 2, detail.



**Figure 11: My Silence is Not a Lack of Words.**



Figure 12: My Silence is Not a Lack of Words, detail.



Figure 13: My Silence is Not a Lack of Words, detail.



Figure 14: Stronger Than You.



Figure 15: Stronger Than You, detail.



Figure 16: Stronger Than You, detail.



Figure 17: Stronger Than You, detail.



**Figure 18: Stronger Than You - Rabbit.**



Figure 19: Stronger Than You — Deer.



Figure 20: Stronger Than You - Hands.



Figure 21: This is Not Your Home 1.



Figure 22: This Is Not Your Home 2.



Figure 23: This is Not Your Home 3.