## Artist Statement Amanda Marie AceofWands.Tattoo

Have you ever felt possessed by an idea? All the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, your eyes widen with new vision, and there is this electric energy flowing through your body. I believe this new energy is being channeled from the divine; the divine within and the divine all around us; the universe. Suddenly you are flooded with inspiration, you are following your intuition, taking down notes, making plans of execution and this idea seems like a new exciting adventure you just have to take. You don't know why it is so important or why it matters at all really in the grand scheme of things yet, but you are ready and making plans to dedicate time and energy to facilitate this new creation entering the world.

This is what it feels like when you seek creativity and it is being offered to you. There is nothing like the energy, new growth, and connection experience while on a journey of creation. Art and it's process have the power to reveal truths and change perspective. Art making guides me as I explore my internal and external world; bringing forth symbols that I don't always understand right away. When the meaning is revealed through the creative process the impact felt is best described as a form of magic.

I believe that Art has the power to move people in this way not just through creating but also through viewing art and connecting to it. The sense of wonder, magic, and connection is what I live for and why I create.