

“The Purge” is the artist’s mosaic representation of the Baltimore Pratt Street Riot which took place on 27 April 2015. He boldly depicts “The Rioters” in red- symbolic of their unorganized passion as well as centuries of despair, bloodshed. Baltimore Law Enforcement, organized in authoritative blue, a color also commonly associated with despair, sadness.

America is yet again at this critical intersection. Will the denial, even downright refusal of some to embody historical lessons learned, to live their lives as examples to their children by embracing their neighbors as themselves regardless of race, color, creed, social status or sexual orientation. To re-examine and then spread the word regarding this country’s Constitution, Bill of Rights, the importance of Rule of Law. To actually hire those in authoritative positions with diversity as a high priority instead of marching their only diverse members out before the press to explain the anarchy. Fair and equal compensation is a must for those who risk their lives each day while walking the beat to protect us.

America’s continued pandemic must end so that one day the colors of our flag and those represented in this piece will blend together instead of bleed into future generations.