# Biographical Portraiture

# SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Goal: A light and general overview of one's life. We are keeping it simple so that it isn't intrusive. This is only a practicing the first interview.

## INTRODUCTION

- What is your name?
- Could you give me the spelling of your name?
- Do you have a name you prefer to use?
- How are you feeling about working with me on BP?
- Do you have any questions or concerns about this (BP) process?

# **PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

- How long have you lived here?
- How did you come to live in this area?
- Where were you born and raised?
- What hobbies do you have?
- Are you passionate about something, why?
- If you could have one wish, what would it be, why?
- Pet, yes or no, tell me more?
- How do you feel about art?
- Is there a style of work or an artist you like best?

### WRAPPING UP THE INTERVIEW

- When I make the work of art that goes with this interview, is there anything you would love to see, a style, an image, words?
- In the next five years, what do you hope to experience or do?
- If our talk today was published in a book, what would you title it?
- After I begin the work, would you be ok if I reached out to you for questions or to show you the progress?
- When I'm finished with this piece, would you be ok if I shared it with others, as in social media, etc.? If so, can I share your name, or would you instead I keep it anonymous?
- What's the best way to contact you about this, text, email, a phone call, in person?