

**JESSE KRIMES**

Born in 1982 in Lancaster, PA  
Lives and works in Philadelphia, PA and New York City

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

- 2023** – Founder & Director, Center for Art & Advocacy, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016** – Co-Founder, Right of Return USA Fellowship, New York, NY
- 2008** Bachelor of Art (Cum Laude), Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, PA

**SELECTED ONE-ARTIST EXHIBITIONS**

- 2026** *Jesse Krimes: Elegy Quilts*, Fabrick Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA, May 1 – November 1, 2026.
- 2024 – 2025** *Jesse Krimes: Corrections*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, October 28, 2024 – July 13, 2025.
- 2024** *Jesse Krimes: Rikers Quilt*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, March 23 – September 16, 2024.  
*Jesse Krimes: Cells*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY, November 2 – December 21, 2024.
- 2022** *Jesse Krimes*, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA, April 7th – August 21, 2022.  
*Strange Roots*, Malin Gallery, Aspen, CO, March 1 – 28, 2022.
- 2021** *Elegy Quilts*, Malin Gallery, Aspen, CO, August 1 – September 13, 2021.
- 2020 – 2021** *American Rendition*, Malin Gallery, New York, NY, November 17 – January 23, 2021.
- 2019** *Voices from the Heartland*, Rauschenberg and Art for Justice Fund, Lancaster, PA.
- 2018** *Strange Roots*, Malin Gallery, New York, NY, September 13 – November 30, 2018.  
*Apokaluptein*, Loyola University, Baltimore, Md.
- 2017** *Purgatory*, Spagnuole Art Gallery, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, February 1 – March 26, 2017.
- 2016** *Marking Time in America: The Prison Works*, Burning in Water Gallery, New York, NY, August 4 – October 1, 2016.  
*Ink Scaffolds*, Michael A. Evans Center, Marian University, Indianapolis, IN, March 1 – April 1, 2016.  
*Deus ex Machina*, Leonard Pearlstein Gallery, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, January 12 – March 13, 2016.
- 2014** *Apokaluptein16389067*, Zimmerli Museum, New Brunswick, NJ, September 2 – December 14, 2014.
- 2013** *Belly of the Beast*, Goldilocks Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.

**2008** *Coercion*, Sykes Gallery, Millersville University, Millersville, PA.

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2025 – 2026** *Gaze Into These Eyes*, Kimball Art Center, Park City, UT, September 26, 2025 – January 4, 2026.

**2025** *GENERAL CONDITIONS*, The School | Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, New York, May 17 – November 29, 2025.

**2024 - 2025** *No Bodies: Clothing as Disruptor*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, February 17 – April 20, 2024.  
Travelled to: Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY, September 20, 2024 – January 26, 2025.

**2023** *No Justice Without Love*, Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY, April 4 – June 30, 2023.  
*Prison Nation*, The Baker Museum, Naples, FL, July 1 – September 17, 2023.

**2022 – 2023** *Social Fabric, Textiles & Contemporary Issues*, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI, December 3, 2022 – June 11, 2023.

**2022** *Right of Return Charity Auction*, Christie's Auction House, New York, NY.

**2021** *The Collective: Chosen Family*, Martos Gallery, New York, NY, September 8 – October 23, 2021.  
*ArtCrush*, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO.

*New Grit: Art and Philly Now*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, May 7 – August 22, 2021.

**2020 – 2021** *Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration*, MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY, September 17, 2020 – April 5, 2021.

**2020** *Im Gefängnis*, Deutsches Hygiene-Museum, Dresden, Germany

**2019** *En Prison*, Musée des Confluences, Lyon, France.

*Emanations*, Wheaton Arts and Culture Center, Millville, NJ, April 2 – December 31, 2019.

*O.G. Experience*, Studio 525, New York, NY.

*Prison*, International Red Cross Museum, Geneva, Switzerland.

*Prison Nation*, Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL.

**2018** *Due Process*, Ludlow 38 Gallery, Goethe Institute, New York, NY, August 30 – September 9, 2018.

*Prison Nation*, Aperture Foundation Gallery, New York, NY.

**2017** *American Made*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD.

*Season 6*, MMuseum, New York, NY.

*Made in America*, Hampshire College Art Gallery, Hampshire College, MA, January 5 – March 3, 2017.

**2016** *Incarceration Nation*, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO.

*Truth to Power*, Democratic National Convention Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA.

*The Museum of Drug Policy*, Open Society Foundation: United Nations General Assembly, NY.

**2015** *Apokaluptein:16389067:II*, Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, PA.

*Le bord des Mondes*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France.

*The Fire This Time*, The Hess Center for the Arts, Deerfield Academy, MA.

*The City Real and Imagined*, Painted Bride Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA.

**2014** *Beyond the Wall*, Commonwealth Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.

**2012** *Reflective Equilibrium: Art by Imprisoned People*, Little Berlin Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
Kadist Art Foundation, San Francisco, CA  
Mellon Foundation, New York, NY  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI  
OZ Art NWA, Bentonville, AR

## PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

- 2021** *Stitching Our Futures Quilt*, Philadelphia Mural Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 2020** *Riker's Legacy Quilt*, MoMa PS1, Long Island, NY
- 2019** *Voices from the Heartland*, Rauschenberg and Art for Justice Fund, Lancaster, PA
- 2018** *Portraits of Justice*, Philadelphia Mural Arts, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017** *Voices*, Philadelphia Mural Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015** *Solitary Cell*, Amnesty International: Art for Amnesty, New Orleans, LA
- 2015** *Regeneration*, Philadelphia Mural Arts, Philadelphia, PA

## ACTIVISM AND CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025** AFIELD Forum: Transitional Justice by Artists, Brussels, Belgium.  
Curator, *Collective Gestures*, Center for Art and Advocacy, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2022** Subject, *Krimes*, Feature Length Documentary Film, MTV Docs, New York, NY.
- 2020** Curator, *Rendering Justice*, African American Museum Philadelphia, PA.  
Curator, *Reimagining Reentry Fellowship*, Mural Arts Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019** Curator, *O.G. Experience*, Studio525, HBO films, New York, NY.
- 2016** Lead Plaintiff, *Jesse Krimes vs. JPMorgan Chase Bank: Successful Class Action Lawsuit on behalf of all Federal Inmates*, United States District Court.
- 2016** Co-curator, *Truth to Power*, Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 – 2017** *Social Justice Research Academy*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**2012** Co-curator, *Reflective Equilibrium*, Little Berlin Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, RESIDENCIES**

**2023** Art for Justice Fund (Organizational Grantee)

**2022** Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Fellow  
Silver Arts Project Residency

**2021** Mellon Foundation (Organizational Grantee)  
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow

**2020** Creative Capital Fellow

**2019** Civil Rights Corps' Artist in Residence Fellow  
Captiva Artist Residency Fellow

**2018** Ford Foundation: Art for Justice Fund Fellow

**2017** Rauschenberg Foundation: Artist as Activist Fellow  
Independence Foundation Fellow  
Open Philanthropy (Organizational Grantee)

**2016** Vermont Studio Center, Fellow

**2015** Center for Emerging Visual Artists Fellow