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*, Fabric 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 *Strange Roots*, Malin Gallery, Aspen, CO, March 1 – 28, 2022.
Jesse Krimes, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA, April 7 – August 21, 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 *Deus ex Machina*, Leonard Pearlstein Gallery, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, January 12 – March 13, 2016.
Ink Scaffolds, Michael A. Evans Center, Marian University, Indianapolis, IN, March 1 – April 1, 2016.
Marking Time in America: The Prison Works, Burning in Water Gallery, New York, NY, August 4 – October 1, 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

2027 *The Glory of the Unicorn*, Lehman College Art Gallery, CUNY, Bronx, NY, February 10 – May 1, 2027.

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, NY, 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 *Emanations,* Wheaton Arts and Culture Center, Millville, NJ, April 2 – December 31, 2019.
En Prison, Musée des Confluences, Lyon, France.
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 *Made in America,* Hampshire College Art Gallery, Hampshire College, MA, January 5 – March 3, 2017.
American Made, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD.
Season 6, MMuseumm, New York, NY.

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