

Melissa Joseph

Born in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, 1980

Lives and works in New York, NY

Education

2018

MFA Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts | Philadelphia, PA

2008

MAT Art Education, Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI

2006

AAS Textile Surface Design, Fashion Institute of Technology | New York, NY

2003

BA Individualized Study, New York University | New York, NY

Solo Exhibitions

2025

Tender, Brooklyn Museum x Uovo | Brooklyn, NY

No Words, Soy Capitan | Berlin, Germany

2024

Margot Samel x Liste Art Fair | Basel, Switzerland

A Wide Action is not a Width, Artpace San Antonio | San Antonio, TX

Art Production Fund Art in Focus, Rockefeller Center | New York, NY

2023

Irish Exit, Margot Samel | New York, NY

Independent Art Fair x REGULARNORMAL, Waymark | New York, NY

Conflicting Truths, List Gallery at Swarthmore College | Swarthmore, PA

2021

Née, REGULARNORMAL | New York, NY

2019

42nd Annual Wind Challenge Exhibition: Tharavadu, Fleisher Art Memorial | Philadelphia, PA

2018

Sisters Not Twins, Growlery | San Francisco, CA

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026

Kochi Biennale Official Collateral Exhibition X RIZQ Art Initiative | Like Gold | Kochi, India

Rajiv Menon Contemporary X India Art Fair | New Delhi, India

2025

The Power of Small Things, Soy Capitan | Berlin, Germany

See It Now: Contemporary Art from the Ann and Mel Schaffer Collection at Wachenheim Gallery, Tang Teaching Museum | Saratoga Springs, NY

Non-Residency, Rajiv Menon Contemporary at Jaipur Center for Art | Rajasthan, India

New Horizons: Recent Contemporary Aquisitions, PAFA | Philadelphia, PA

Longest Way Around, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

Gathering, Cooper Cole | Toronto, Canada

Pulp Memories, Praise Shadows Gallery | Brookline, MA

00:00:01, Public Gallery | London, UK

2024

The Hardest Love We Carry, Charles Moffett x Art Basel Miami Beach | Miami, FL

Poetics of Dimensions Expanded, ICA San Francisco | San Francisco, CA

Brooklyn Artists Exhibition, Brooklyn Museum | Brooklyn, NY

We wake hungry in the middle of a life, Rebecca Camacho Presents | San Francisco, CA

2023

Poetics of Dimensions, UBS x Art Basel Miami Beach | Miami, FL

Recent Acquisitions, ICA Miami | Miami, FL

British Textile Biennial, Whitaker Museum | Lancashire, UK

Memory is the Seamstress, Green Art Gallery | Dubai, UAE

Maskenfreit, Margot Samel | New York, NY

Genius Loci, Charles Moffett | New York, NY

This Too Shall Pass, Venus Over Manhattan | New York, NY

"A Study in Form (Chapter One)" James Fuentes | New York, NY

Hand over Hand: Textiles Today, Mindy Solomon Gallery | Miami, FL

Crisis of Image, Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington | Arlington, VA

Captive Rest, Frieze Art Fair x REGULARNORMAL | Los Angeles, CA

2022

Wonder Women II, Jeffrey Deitch | Los Angeles, CA

(De)Framing Identity, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art | Salt Lake City, UT

Wonder Women, Jeffrey Deitch | New York, NY

Felt Experience, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center | Brattleboro, VT

Last Call, Bradley Ertaskiran | Montreal, Canada

Interval, Turn Gallery | New York, NY

2021

Hereditary, Swivel Gallery | Brooklyn, NY

Illusions and Other Protective Spells, Pentimenti Gallery | Philadelphia, PA

Once Removed, Southern Exposure | San Francisco, CA

Diasporic Rhizome, South Asia Institute Chicago | Chicago, IL

2020

The Privilege of Getting Together, REGULARNORMAL | New York, NY

2019

Held Dear (with Chelsea Nader), PAFA Museum | Philadelphia, PA

78th Annual Juried Exhibition, Woodmere Art Museum | Philadelphia, PA

Postscript: Notions on Contemporary Craft, The Delaware Contemporary | Wilmington, DE

2018

Immaterielle Hautungen, Lite Haus Gallery | Berlin, Germany

Material World, PAFA Museum | Philadelphia, PA

2017

Immaterielle Hautungen, Lite Haus Gallery | Berlin, Germany

Material World, PAFA Museum | Philadelphia, PA

76th Annual Juried Exhibition, Woodmere Art Museum | Philadelphia, PA

Museum and Public Collections

Flint Institute of Arts | Flint, MI

The Institute of Contemporary Art | Miami, FL

Brooklyn Museum | Brooklyn, NY

Ruby City | San Antonio, TX

Rhode Island School of Design Museum | Providence, RI

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Museum | Philadelphia, PA

The Bunker Artspace | West Palm Beach, FL

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2025

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Joseph, Melissa. "[Tracing Connections: How Untitled Art Shapes Creative Journeys](#)" Untitled Art Fairs, October 29, 2025

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Tata, Huzan. "[10 new art shows in India we're excited about this September](#)" Vogue India, September 7, 2025

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["Hyperallergic Fall 2025 New York Art Guide"](#) August 15, 2025

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2023

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2022

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Maake Magazine. Issue 11, 2020

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Friend of the Artist. Volume 9, 2019

Grants & Awards

2025

THE EDEN Artists Now Award

UOVO Prize 2025

THE EDEN Artists Now Award

2024

Artsy Vanguard Artist 2025

2023

Marjorie Heilman Visiting Artist, Swarthmore College

2022

Windgate Foundation Scholar, Archie Bray Foundation

2020

BRIC Media Arts Fellowship

Hopper Prize Finalist

2018

PAFA Alumni Trust Award

Residencies & Apprenticeships

2026

Dora Maar House | Ménerbes, France

2025

Greenwich House Pottery Artist in Residence | New York, NY

2024

Artpace | San Antonio, TX

2023

Museum of Arts and Design Artist in Residence | New York, NY

2022

Archie Bray Foundation | Helena, MT

2021

Fountainhead | Miami, FL

DieuDonné Workspace Residency | Brooklyn, NY

2020

BRIClab Video Artist in Residence | Brooklyn, NY

Textile Arts Center AIR Cycle 11 | Brooklyn, NY

2019

Chautauqua School of Art Residency | Chautauqua, NY

2018

Centre / Substructured Loss | Berlin, Germany

Growlery | San Francisco, CA

Art Writing

2025

Bomb Magazine: "[Jesse Krimes by Melissa Joseph](#)", July 2025

Bomb Magazine: Bony Ramirez

Bomb Magazine: Gyun Hur

2024

Brooklyn Rail - *Beheading a Conversation: Invisible Censors*

Bomb Magazine: Bernadette Despujols

2023

Bomb Magazine: Sangram Majumdar

Bomb Magazine: Sahana Ramakrishnan

Bomb Magazine: David Schutter

Bomb Magazine: Sa'dia Rehman

2022

Bomb Magazine: Miguel Ángel Payano Jr.

2021

Bomb Magazine: Anne Minich

Bomb Magazine: Kenny Rivero

Curatorial

2023

Manifest Absence. DieuDonné | Brooklyn, NY

2022

Keloid Archives. Soloway Gallery | Brooklyn, NY

Sehnsucht. Field Projects | New York, NY

Gall. Soloway Gallery | Brooklyn, NY

2021

Minute Landscapes. Cluster Gallery | Brooklyn, NY

Another's Table. Textile Arts Center | Brooklyn, NY

2020

Press. Shelter in Place Gallery | Boston, MA

Desire Lines. Textile Arts Center, Artfare x Assembly Room | Brooklyn, NY

Speaking Engagements

2025

Artist Talk, Visiting Artist Lecture, Adelphi University | Garden City, New York

Artist Talk, Art Forum Speaker Series, Montclair University | Montclair, New Jersey

Artist Talk, In Conversation with Adrián S. Bará and Cynthia Gutiérrez, moderated by Natalia Viera Salgado, Kinositto Arts Center | Verplanck, New York