

JAH GREY

DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE ARTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The work that I create is situated in resistance to ideologies of hyper-masculinity, and rebelling against external constructs of body and identity. My identity and story are central to my practice, sculpting possibilities of fluidity to create space for expanded notions of Black masculinity. I strive to counter harmful outputs of patriarchy including misogyny, conceptions of masculinity and vulnerability; instead, providing alternative possibilities reflective of flexibility, diversity and humanity.

★ HONOURS / AWARDS

- Visual Artist Grant | Toronto Arts Council | 2021
- Media Artists Creations Projects | Ontario Arts Council | 2020
- Chalmers Professional Development Projects Grant | Ontario Arts Council | 2019
- Visual Artist Grant | Toronto Arts Council | 2018
- Creative Enterprise Grant | CUE/SKETCH & Associum | 2018
- Skills and Career Development: Indigenous Arts Professionals & Artists of Colour | Ontario Arts Council | 2017
- Visual Artists Creations Projects | Ontario Arts Council | 2017
- Visual Artist Grant | Toronto Arts Council | 2016
- CUE Grants | Margins of Era Gallery | 2016
- Best Artist Award | Nuit Rose | 2015

MENTORSHIP AND FACILITATION WORKS

TRANSFORMATIVE MASCULINITY, CONSENT AND BOUNDARIES
Toronto District School Board | Toronto, ON | 2021

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SELF-CONFIDENCE FACILITATOR
Planned Parenthood | Toronto | 2021

GOODGUISE FACILITATOR
SKETCH Working Arts | Toronto | 2020 - 2021

CREATIVE DIRECTOR AND PHOTOGRAPHER MENTOR
Men Who Take Baths | Toronto | 2018 - 2020

IAM PROGRAM MENTOR
JAYU | Toronto | 2019

MENTOR AND CONSULTATOR
Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography | Toronto | 2019

SOLO EXHIBITIONS/COLLABORATION AND CURATED PROJECTS

CURATOR – TORONTO PUBLIC ARTS INSTALLATION
SKETCH Working Arts: GoodGuise | Toronto | 2020 - present

NO MORE ROOM
Margins of Era Gallery | Toronto | 2018-

"MAN UP"
Canon Canada: Free Space | Toronto | 2018

A ROOM FULL OF BLACK BOYS
Blank Canvas Gallery | Toronto | 2016



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- FLESH on the Floor Artist Talk | Devan Patel Gallery | 2021
- GET REEL Mental Health Film Fest: Purple Waves Guest Speaker | Stella's Place | 2021
- Young Men/Masculinity Focus Group Guest Speaker | Planned Parenthood | 2021
- Trans Day of Visibility Guest Speaker | FORMAT | 2021
- African History Month Guest Speaker | Stella's Place | 2021
- All We Have is Each Other: A Conversation About Art Making and Community Building | University of Toronto | 2021
- Live Sessions: Studio Talks | The Power Plant Gallery | 2020
- Live Sessions: "Opening Up" Panel Talk | The Creator Class | 2020
- Human Rights Series: Advancing Wellbeing: Transforming Our Social Lifestyles Panel Talk | Pride Toronto | 2020
- Manifesto Talks: Removing The Stigma Around Black Mental Health Panel Talk | Manifesto Headquarters | 2020
- Journey to Black Liberation Symposium: Art & Activism Panel Talk | Harbourfront Centre | 2019
- Wedge Curatorial: A Love Ethic | Gladstone Hotel | 2019
- It's Okay Not to Be Okay Mental Wellness Panel | Soho House | 2019
- "Man Up" Panel Discussion | Free Space | 2018
- Black Queer Entrepreneurial Activism Panel Discussion | Ryerson University | 2018

PORTRAITS BY: JAH GREY

Capital One Cafe Gallery | Toronto | 2014

JAH GREY X SIDDIQUI EXHIBIT

Tequila Bookworm Gallery | Toronto | 2013

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

FLESH ON THE FLOOR

Devan Patel Gallery | Toronto | 2021

REMEMBER SLAVERY

United Nations Headquarters | New York | 2019

THE GENDER CONSPIRACY

Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB) | Toronto | 2019

REFLECTIONS OF LOVE

Harbourfront Centre | Toronto | 2019

PUPLE NIGHTS

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) | Toronto | 2019

A LOVE ETHIC

Gladstone Hotel | Toronto | 2019

WHAT'S DONE, MUST COME

Los Angeles LGBT Centre - The Village | Los Angeles | 2018

THE HEARD: SAWUBONA PROJECT

Daniels Spectrum | Toronto | 2016

EXPOSED: SOLACE

Gladstone Hotel | Toronto | 2016

NUIT ROSE

ARTSCAPE | Toronto | 2015

EXPOSED

The Project Gallery | Toronto, ON | 2015

QUEERING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Ryerson University | Toronto | 2015

8TH ANNUAL MANIFESTO ART EXHIBITION

The Steam Whistle Brewery | Toronto | 2014

QUEERING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Ryerson University | Toronto | 2014

MY CITY MY STORY

The Theatre Pop Up | Toronto | 2013

COMMISSIONED WORKS

25 DIGITAL PRINTS

Art Gallery of Ontario | Toronto | 2020

5 DIGITAL PRINTS

Pride Toronto | Toronto | 2020

4FT X 6FT DIGITAL PRINT

Hipster Bachelor Pads Hotel | Toronto | 2020

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

FUEL YOUR IMAGINATION: JAH GREY
APRIL 1, 2019, ADIDAS CANADA

WHAT DOES BLACK MASCULINITY LOOK LIKE? THERE ARE MANY ANSWERS.
FEBRUARY 7, 2019, HUFFINGTON POST CANADA

BLACK FUTURES MONTH
FEBRUARY 1, 2019, NOW MAGAZINE

NO MORE ROOM BY JAH GREY
JULY 12, 2018, NOW MAGAZINE

JAH GREY - "MAN UP" SOLO SHOW
JUNE 22, 2018, YOHOMO: TORONTO QUEER CULTURE NOW

"MAN UP" SOLO EXHIBITION BY JAH GREY
JUNE 22, 2018, NOW MAGAZINE

TOXIC MASCULINITY, GROWTH & BLACK MEN'S HEALING ARE THE FOCUS OF THIS VISUAL PROJECT
MAY 29, 2018, AFROPUNK

QUEER TORONTO PHOTOGRAPHERS TO FOLLOW
MAY 22, 2018, YOHOMO: TORONTO QUEER CULTURE NOW

FINDING STRENGTH IN VULNERABILITY: HOW THESE ARTISTS ARE CELEBRATING BLACK MEN THROUGH PORTRAITS,
DECEMBER 15, 2016, CBC ARTS

EXPLORING GENDER & VULNERABILITY – THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF CANADIAN VISUAL ARTIST JAH GREY
DECEMBER 1, 2015, AFROPUNK

6 BLACK MALE VISUAL ARTISTS FROM TORONTO TO LOOK OUT FOR!
JANUARY 27, 2015, BUZZFEED

EMPOWERING BLACK COMMUNITY
APRIL 18, 2015, AGO – ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO