

Russell Craig
New York, NY

Professional Summary

Russell Craig is a New York based artist by way of Philadelphia whose work intricately weaves portraiture with poignant social and political commentary. Drawing on over a decade of personal experience, including a transformative journey through the foster care system and incarceration, Craig's art serves as a powerful vehicle for advocacy and dialogue around justice and representation. With a commitment to elevating marginalized voices, his exhibitions have garnered national attention, reflecting a profound engagement with contemporary issues

Education

Bard College

Exhibitions

2023: Christie's Auction, New York

2022: Sotheby's, ArtCrush 2022, Aspen Art Museum, Colorado

2022: Dark Reflections, Malin Gallery, New York

2021: Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration, MoMA PS1, New York

2020: Rendering Justice, Philadelphia African-American Museum, Pennsylvania

2019: Justice Lab, Columbia University, New York

2019: The OG Experience with HBO, Studio 525, New York

2018: Blood Sweat, and Tears, Philadelphia Magic Gardens, Pennsylvania

2017: State Goods: Art in the Era of Mass Incarceration, American Studies Association, New York

2015: Truth to Power, Democratic National Convention, Pennsylvania

Artist Panels

Columbia University

Harvard University

Princeton University

New York University

Brown University

Yale University

Loyola University

Museum of Contemporary Art

Pérez Art Museum Miami

African American Museum of Philadelphia

Philadelphia Art Museum

Newark Museum

Hauser & Wirth

Permanent Collections

Brooklyn Museum, New York
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York

Grants and Fellowships

2024: Creative Capital Grant
2018: Art for Justice Grant

Professional Affiliations

Board Member, Center for Art & Advocacy
Co-founder, Right of Return Fellowship (funded by Open Philanthropy)

Media Coverage

Philadelphia Inquirer
Artsy
The Washington Post
The Guardian
New York Times
Artforum
Forbes
The New Yorker

Media Links

- [Sotheby's Auction](#)
- [Creative Capital](#)
- [Cultured Magazine](#)
- [Christie's Auction](#)
- [Blood, Sweat, and Tears](#)
- [American Studies Association](#)
- [The Guardian](#)
- [PAPER Magazine](#)
- [Bard College](#)
- [Hauser & Wirth Artists Respond](#)

Film

Featured in the Emmy Award-winning documentary Art & Crimes by Crimes

Residencies

Two-time resident, Silver Art Studio, 4 World Trade Center, New York