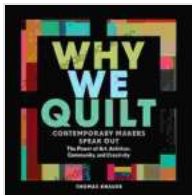


# Contemporary Makers Speak Out About The Power Of Art, Activism, Community, and More

Art has the power to change the world. It can inspire, educate, and motivate people to take action. In the hands of skilled makers, art can be a powerful tool for activism, community building, and social change.



## Why We Quilt: Contemporary Makers Speak Out about the Power of Art, Activism, Community, and Creativity

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We spoke to a group of contemporary makers about how they are using their art to make a difference in the world. Their stories are inspiring and empowering, and they offer a glimpse into the transformative power of art.

### Art as Activism

For many makers, art is a form of activism. They use their art to raise awareness about important issues, challenge injustice, and inspire change.

One such maker is Shepard Fairey. Fairey is best known for his iconic "Hope" poster, which became a symbol of the Obama campaign in 2008. Fairey's art often addresses social and political issues, such as war, poverty, and environmental destruction.

Another maker who uses her art for activism is Jen Stark. Stark's work often explores themes of feminism, identity, and the environment. Her sculptures and installations are visually stunning, but they also carry a powerful message.

### **Art as Community Building**

Art can also be a powerful tool for community building. Makers can use their art to bring people together, create shared experiences, and foster a sense of belonging.

One example of this is the Asterisk Project. The Asterisk Project is a nonprofit organization that uses art to empower women and girls. The organization offers a variety of programs, including art classes, workshops, and mentorship opportunities.

Another example of art as community building is the Public Art Fund. The Public Art Fund commissions and presents contemporary art in public spaces. The organization's goal is to make art accessible to everyone, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

### **Art as Social Change**

Art can also be a catalyst for social change. Makers can use their art to challenge the status quo, raise awareness about important issues, and inspire people to take action.

One example of this is the Art for Justice Fund. The Art for Justice Fund is a nonprofit organization that uses art to raise awareness about the criminal justice system and to advocate for reform.

Another example of art as social change is the Creative Time. Creative Time is a nonprofit organization that produces public art projects that explore social and political issues.

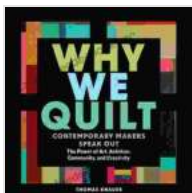
## **The Power of Art**

The stories of these contemporary makers are just a few examples of the transformative power of art. Art can be used to raise awareness about important issues, challenge injustice, inspire change, build community, and foster social change.

If you are an artist, I encourage you to use your art to make a difference in the world. Your art has the power to change lives.

## **Additional Resources**

- The Art Story: Contemporary Art
- MoMA: Contemporary Art
- Tate: Contemporary Art
- Artsy: Contemporary Art
- Saatchi Art: Contemporary Art

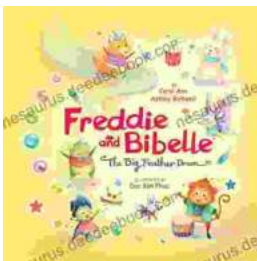


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