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JAY KAES

Born in 1985, Burgos - Spain.
Lives and works in London, United Kingdom.

EDUCATION

2012

Master Degree in Fine Arts, University of the Basque Country, Spain.

BIO

Jay Kaes is a Spanish artist based in London, whose murals and paintings have been showcased in over 20 countries. His work has been featured by major media outlets including BBC News, The Independent, and Sky News, and has been written about in more than 10 languages. Kaes holds a Master's degree in Fine Arts, awarded through a high-performance scholarship.

Considered by some as the creator of the "Glitch Pop" style, Jay blends photorealism, comic art, and technology to create visually striking pieces that challenge perceptions of reality. His art invites viewers to reflect on reality, encouraging them to embrace imperfections and differences as integral parts of the beauty of the world.

Kaes has painted live at London Fashion Week, created artwork for the Fundación Banco Santander, and his pieces are held by international collectors.

Jay's work envisions reality as a glitch, reminding us that what we perceive may be an illusion.

ARTIST STATEMENT

My work explores how we perceive reality and how it can be manipulated, presenting a world that glitches like an illusion on a screen.

I use glitch to visually represent how digital reality distorts human perception. By embracing errors and imperfections, my art challenges traditional notions of perfection and beauty. My art encourages reflection, seeing beauty in our differences. We choose our focus, and it shapes reality in our favor, inviting viewers to question assumptions, celebrate uniqueness, and explore multiple perspectives.

I create both public murals and studio works; neither is decorative—they communicate. Murals are the last democratic screens, fostering critical thought and dialogue instead of private exploitation. They are designed for the spaces and people who encounter them, encouraging interaction. In the studio, my works offer an intimate space for reflection and experimentation on the perception of reality.

My process combines spray paint, acrylics, airbrush, and stencils, blending photorealism, comic linework, and digital patterns. Through these techniques, I construct layered, multi-perspective images that invite the viewer to navigate around the piece..

RESIDENCIES

2026

“La Fábrica de Creación”, Santander, Spain.

2025

“Grid”, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom.

2023

“Mausa in the Bitche”, Bitche, France.

ARTIST TALKS

2026

“Santander Music: El proceso creativo de Jay Kaes”, Centro Botin, Santander, Spain.

2026

“Kreative Talks - Trieze Street art Collective”, art’otel London Hoxton, United Kingdom.

2026

“Street in the Gallery”, Artist table talk Code Fc, Fin Dac, Pez, Otto shade and Jay Kaes, Gallery Different, London, United Kingdom.

2026

“Studio to Gallery / Art in real time: Collecting tomorrow's masters book signing by Sonia Borrell ”, Artist table talk with Sonia Borrell, Otto shade and Jay Kaes, Gallery Different, London, United Kingdom.

2023

“Los Artistas Cuentan”, Curated by Lidia Gil, Centro Cultural Doctor Madrazo, Santander, Spain.

PODCAST

2024

“My Art is Real”, Episode 52, Jay Kaes.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2uFfL3bUjdjlNQEPy42fB3?autoplay=true>

2024

“Reality reflected”, The networking Magazines.

https://myartisreal.com/myartisreal-podcast-episode-52-jay-kaes/?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaZxCE1wNbR9y4Dwz-KCmTyPD9HuxjdjqalJtEqlRtn-Scae1RkrBAZPZYE_aem_17R74wQhgGJU39J2gvfppw

2022

"Alternative London Podcast", Jay Kaes.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6cjSK4dVp0Z1piDJ4yPQTt?si=GmAeBAMrR-qho3Egh2OS7Q>

AWARDS/GRANTS**2019**

1st Place at the "International Battle of Graffiti, B.I.G.", Lille, France.

2009

1st Place at the Art competition for "Secretaría de Estado de Administraciones Públicas", Santander, Spain.

2008-2012

University Studies Scholarship, Bilbao, Spain.

COLLECTIONS**2021**

Commissioned painting for Fundación Banco Santander, Santander, Spain.

2010/2011

2 works selected for a group exhibition "Exposición Visual-Sonora", Fundación BBVA, Bilbao, Spain.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL MURAL PROJECTS**2026**

"Off The Walls", Newcastle, United Kingdom

2025

"Upfest", Bristol, United Kingdom

2025

"Kingpin", Juddy Roller, Melbourne, Australia

2025

"Zoo Art Show", La Defense, Paris, France

2025

"Graphic Art Festival", Puteaux, Paris, France

2025

"RecuerdaMe", Santander, Cantabria, Spain

2025

"NOU", Barcelona Catalonia, Spain

2025

“UPAINT”, Monaco, Montecarlo, Monaco

2025

“GRID”, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom

2024

“Wynwood Mural Fest”, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

2024

“The Hive”, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

2024

“Fries Lee Offensief”, Leeuwarden, Friesland, The Netherlands.

2024

“Le Mur Biarritz”, Biarritz, Basque Country, France.

2024

“Southend City Jam”, Southend by the Sea, United Kingdom.

2024

“Medellin Street Art Festival”, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia.

2023

“Wynwood Mural Fest”, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

2023

“Nao Bostik”, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.

2023

“Yardworks”, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom.

2023

“West Link Murals”, Gothenburg, Sweden.

2023

“Colors Festival”, Paris, France.

2022

“BAU, Bienal de Arte Urbano”, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

2021

“Visteme con Arte”, Santander, Cantabria, Spain.

2021

“Rooftop Mural Project”, Jealous Gallery ,London, United Kingdom.

2021

“No Place for Homophobia”, Southampton, United Kingdom.

2021

“Arthur Wharton Memorial”, Darlington, United Kingdom.

2020

“Art Walk”, Patras Greece.

2019

“Meeting of Styles”, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

2019

“Meeting of Styles”, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

2018

“Galeria Vertical”, Reinosa, Cantabria, Spain.

2017

“Honey Badger Takes Over”, St.Moritz, Switzerland.

2016

“Secret Walls”, London, United Kingdom.

2015

“Internatinal Battle of Graffiti (BIG) ”, Lille, France.

2015

“Battle of Waterloo”, London, United Kingdom.

2014

“City of Colours”, Birmingham, United Kingdom.

2014

“Meeting of Styles”,Antwerp, Belgium.

2013

“Be Savage”, Santander, Cantabria, Spain.

2010

“Cite de Madrid” , Toulouse, France.

2009

“Terni City of Steel”, Terni, Italy.

2007

“Salerno Rockin It”, Salerno, Italy.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021

“Follow Your Heart”, NUC Gallery, St, Moritz, Switzerland.

2012

“Presión”, Galerías Este, Santander, Spain.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

“Love Bites”, Stolen Space Gallery, London.

2025

“Rendered Reality”, Stolen Space Gallery, London.

2025

“Zoo Art Show”, La Defense, Paris, France

2025

“Trieze”, Shoreditch, London, United Kingdom

2024

“Royal Exchange”, Red Eight Gallery, Bank, London.

2024

“TRIEZE”, 55 Curtain Road, Shoreditch, London.

2024

“Panorama”, Alliance Francaise, Medellín, Antioquía Colombia.

2024

“District 13 Art Fair”, Hôtel Drouot, Paris, France.

2023

“Bicycle Day”, 1xRun, Detroit, Michigan U.S.A.

2022

“Art Lives Forever”, Taipei International Sustainable Art Exhibition, Taipei, Taiwan.

2021

“Cuarto de Invitados”, Curated by Lidia Gil, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain.

2021

“22 Years Smiling” Curated by Pez , Stolen Space Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

2020

“Art x Freedom”, RI Gallery, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

2020

"Awakening", Ryan Joseph Gallery, Denver, Colorado U.S.A.

2018

"Platinum House", London Fashion Week , Old Central St. Martin's Building, London, United Kingdom.

2015

"Fresh", Graffiti Life Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

2014

"Outside 3", The Muse Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

2011

"23 Exposición Visual-Sonora", Fundación BBVA, Bilbao, Spain.

PERFORMANCES

2016

"Lies", Red Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2026

"TRIEZE", 14 Percy St. WIT !DR, Gallery Different, London.

2025

"TRIEZE", 55 Curtain Road, Shoreditch, London.

2024

"TRIEZE", 55 Curtain Road, Shoreditch, London.

2016

"Distortions", Red Gallery, London, United Kingdom

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2022

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2021

Acketts, Nicky, "BEAST issue 14", Beast Magazine. Feature Jay Kaes in the front cover.
<https://beastmag.co.uk/issue-14-beast-magazine-the-art-of-east-london/>

2019

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2018

De la Torre Saiz, Jaime, "Normal", Self Published. Surreal comic.

2017

De la torre Saiz, Jaime, "Jay Kaes", Self published. First Portraits.

2017

De la Torre Saiz, Jaime, "Mil veces Kaes", Self published. Blackbook.

2011

Fundación BBVA, "23 Exposición Visual-Sonora", University of the Basque Country, Catalog. Animation Section.

<https://www.ehu.eus/ehusfera/bbaa/2011/06/13/23%C2%AA-exposicion-visual-sonora/>

2010

Fundación BBVA, "22 Exposición Audiovisual", University of the Basque Country, Catalog. Video Art Section.

<https://www.ehu.eus/ehusfera/pintura/2009/12/15/22-exposicion-audiovisual-en-la-sala-de-exposicion-es-de-bbva/>

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<https://upmag.com/jay-kaes-politics-of-perception/>

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<https://www.artcollectornews.com/event/trieze-london-west-end-edition-2026>

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