

JOLENE DAMES

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SUMMARY

Multi-disciplinary visual artist and professional filmmaker with extensive experience in creating immersive environments for film, television, theater, and live events. With a proven track record as a scenic artist, set designer, and set decorator, Jolene brings a unique blend of technical expertise and artistic vision to every project. Her work spans feature films, Netflix series, gallery exhibitions, and international artist residencies. Adept at storytelling through set-specific artwork, mixed-media installations, and creative direction, she is committed to artistic excellence and collaboration. Jolene is equally passionate about community engagement, offering her expertise through workshops, lectures, and educational initiatives to inspire and mentor the next generation of artists. Her diverse background and dedication to innovation make her a sought-after contributor in the entertainment and visual arts industries.

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

2022 RYS Yoga Certification, Yogarenew, NJ
2018 Therapeutic Art Life Coach Certification, Transformation Academy, FL
2016 Family Constellation 12 Hr. Workshop, The Family Constellation Institute, CA
2015 TEFL Certification, Bircham International, Spain
2012 BA Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Canyon University, AZ
2010 Life Coach Certification, The Life Coach Institute, CA
2010 Matrix Energetics Lvl.1,2 & 3, The Science of Art & Transformation, WA
2008 Feng Shui Certification FSII, Creative Color & Design, PA
1998 Associate in Arts, Westmoreland County Community College, PA

EXHIBITIONS & REPRESENTATION

2025
The Roundhouse, In House Artist at Pittsburgh's Rremier Coworking Space, PA

2024
New York Academy for Sciences Headquarters Grand Opening, Featured Artist, NYC
Art All Night, Live Painting, Pittsburgh, PA

2022
Recharge the Arts, Cafe, Online

2021
Like Clockwork, Vestige Concept Gallery, PA
Small Works, The Contemporary at Northern Waters Resort, MI

2020
Art on the Walls, Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, PA

2019
Visit Pittsburgh, Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, PA

2017

Powerful Women, Vango Art Gallery, Honorable Mention

The Portrait and Self Portrait, Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery, Award for Excellence

2015

29th Annual Women's Works, The Northwest Area Arts Council, IL

Carnegie Museum of Art 2 Minute Film Festival, Carnegie Museum of Art, PA

Corporate Art, Nine Dots Art Gallery, Denver, CO

2010

Yoga Loft, Pittsburgh, PA

Spa 54, Pittsburgh, PA

Wildcard Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

2009

Center Ave and Spa, Pittsburgh, PA

Mendleson Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

2008

Schenley Park Café, Pittsburgh, PA

Yoga Flow, Pittsburgh, PA

2000

Soul Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

1999

Style & Substance Art Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

GRANTS, RESIDENCIES & RECOGNITION

2024

Rocaberti Screen Writing Scholarship, Rocaberti Writers, France

2023

Skoparts: The Skopelos Foundation for the Arts, Artist Residency, Greece

Exploration Grant, Scenic Artist Guild, Grant Awardee, NY

2022

Artsy Shark, Featured Artist, Online Event

2021

Sprouting Resilience, commissioned to paint an item for auction for the Monarch Joint Adventure, MN

2018

Homeless Education Fund, facilitated fundraising event to raise awareness with local filmmakers

2017

Powerful Women, Vango Art Gallery, Featured Artist & Honorable Mention

2016

Light of Life Mission, commissioned to paint an item for auction for Children's Hospital

2010

Nursing Student of Haydom, Organized and facilitated fundraising event to raise awareness with local filmmakers for nursing students in Tanzania, Africa

2010-2023

Organized and facilitated fundraising events through selling t-shirts to raise funds for local organizations and members in need, Nationally

2008-2010

Volunteer Photographer for NHT Special Needs Austim School special events, PA

2008

Art for Autism, Organized and facilitated fundraising event in collaboration with Boxheart Art Gallery to raise funding for Autism awareness, PA

2002 Muralist for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The ARC, PA

SET DESIGN & DECORATION

2021

Rustin, Film by Netflix Productions. Hired specifically to be on set during filming to make numerous drawings, paint and age props for the production.

2020

Archive 81, Netflix Series. Hired specifically to paint four paintings that served as set decoration for the series.

2019

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, TriStar Pictures Feature Film. Hired specifically to reproduce a painting for the movie.

2018

Mindhunter Season 1, Netflix Series, Hired specifically to create numerous drawings, illustrations and handwritten props for the production.

Mindhunter Season 2, Netflix Series. Hired specifically to create two works of art for the production.

Unsinkable, PMI Feature Film. Hired specifically to paint and age props for the production.

2015

Disgraced, Pittsburgh Public Theater. Hired specifically to paint two paintings for the play.

Outsiders, WGN Television Series. Hired specifically to paint two paintings as set decoration for the production.

Andrew McCutchen, T-Mobile Commercial. Hired specifically to design and paint signage for the commercial.

2011

The Avengers, Marvel Studios Feature Film. Hired specifically to paint and age set decoration for the production.

2012

Supah Ninjas, Nickelodeon. Hired specifically to design and create artwork as set decoration for the production.

2009

Love & Other Drugs, 20th Century Fox Feature Film. Three paintings served as set decoration for the feature film.

PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

2023

Episode 20 Jolene Dames, The Ruins Podcast, Sager Mosaics

2022

Creating for Yourself and for Your Audience with Jolene Dames, Scenic Route Digital, Podcast Series

2021

Interview with Jolene Dames, Live Like Fred, YouTube Series

2020

Jolene Dames: Insight Into Creative Process, Sequestered Studio Tours, YouTube Series

2016

A New Dream, Living the Dream Online Publications

Panic Quietly, Living Through Cancer, blog

2014

Maps: The Adventure of a Soul, Mixed Media Photography Book, self-published

2012

Out of the Silence, Poetry Book, self-published

30 Alternate Routes, Non-Fiction, self-published

2010

Over Exposed, Photography book, self-published

LECTURES & TEACHING

2024

Workshop: Drawing on Your Intuition, Radiant Hall, PA

2024

Staff Muralist for Fine Art Miracles Non-Profit, mural painting project for ages 5-15, PA

2023

Lecture: Scenic Art for Film and Television, Slippery Rock University, PA

2022

Workshop: Scene Painting 101, Lititz High School, PA

2020

Panel Discussion: Media Jobs You Didn't Know Existed, Sponsored by SMPTE, PA

Film Panel Discussion: Beyond the Frame, Community College of Allegheny County, PA

2018

Adjunct Faculty: Art Direction/Production Design, Point Park University, PA

Adjunct Faculty: Scene Painting for Film, Community College of Allegheny County, PA

2017

Art Director: Camp Kennybrook consisted of leading six art shops for ages 6-16 year olds, NY

2015

Workshop: Scene Painting, Community College of Allegheny County, PA

Lecture: Working as a Scenic Painter, Carnegie Mellon University, PA

2015

Lecture: Working as a Scenic Painter, Community College of Allegheny County

2012

Heritage Community Initiatives, Painting Project with Children, ages 5-12, PA

Workshop: How to Make Mandalas, New Haven Retreat Center, NY

Poughkeepsie High School, Scene Painting for Theater Performance, NY

2009

Workshop: How to Feng Shui, Circleville Hollistic Center

Girls Hope, Painting Project with Children (ages 6-12), PA

Autism Society, Painting Projects with Children (ages 7-9), PA

2006

Lecture: Working in Movies, Gateway Middle School, PA

2005

3D Instructor: Adult Continuing Education, Garnerville Community College, NY

Art Director: Camp Kennybrook, consisted of leading six art shops for ages 6-16 year olds, NY

2004

Art Director: Camp Haze for Children Who Lost Family in 911, ages 4-17, NY

2001

Art Instructor, Camp Timber Tops, ages 6-17, two summer seasons, NY

2001

Art Instructor, Bewster Day Camp, ages 4-16, one summer season, MA

MOVIES, TELEVISION & RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

[FILM CREDITS](#)

2024

Staff Muralist for Fine Art Miracles Non-Profit, Pennsylvania

Consultant & Charge Scenic for an escape room in Pennsylvania

2023

Set Designer for *PPG's Color of the Year*, Corporate Commercial
Consultant & Lead Scenic for an escape room in California

2022

On Set Scenic Painter for *Drive Away Dolls*, Universal Studios Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Tait Global Headquarters*, Live Entertainment

2021

Charge Painter for *The Chair*, Netflix Series by Netflix Productions
On Set Scenic Painter for *Rustin*, Netflix Movie by Netflix Productions
On Set Scenic Painter for *A League of Their Own*, Amazon Series by Amazon Studios

2020

Set Decorator for *The Bachelor*, CBS Studios Reality Show
Art Lead for *Animal Wellness*, television commercial
On Set Scenic Painter for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* (Reshoots), TriStar Pictures Feature Film
On Set Scenic Painter for *Sweet Girl*, Netflix Movie by Netflix Productions
On Set Scenic Painter for *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, Netflix Movie by Netflix Productions

2019

Set Designer for *Land O'Lakes* Music Video, Corporate Commercial
On Set Scenic Painter for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, TriStar Pictures Feature Film
On Set Scenic Painter for *An American Pickle* (Reshoots), Sony Pictures Feature Film

2018

Art Lead for *Giant Eagle*, Television Commercial
On Set Scenic Painter for *An American Pickle*, Sony Pictures Feature Film
Set Decoration Buyer for *Mindhunter*, Netflix Productions Series
Craft Service for Escape at *Danemora*, Showtime Networks Feature Film

2017

Scenic Artist & Painter for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Goodspeed Opera House
Set Decoration Buyer for *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, Feature Film, Annapurna Pictures

2015

Scenic Paint Charge (props) for *L'Hotel*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Set Dresser for *Outsiders*, Sony Pictures Television Series

2014

Charge Painter for *Those Who Kill*, (restoration), A&E Networks Television Pilot
Charge Painter for *Bulova Watch II*, Television Commercial
Scenic Paint Charge (props) for *Candida*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Paint Charge (props) for *True West*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Paint Charge (props) for *Noises Off*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Paint Charge for *Gatorade/Sidney Crosby*, Television Commercial
On Set Scenic Painter for *UPMC*, Television Commercial
On Set Scenic Painter for *Highmark*, Television Commercial

Videographer & Editor for *Ojo*, Bricolage Immersive Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Me, Earl and the Dying Girl*, Indian Paintbrush Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *South Paw*, The Weinstein Company Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Our Town*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Set Decoration buyer for *Concussion*, Sony Pictures Entertainment Feature Film
Set Decoration buyer for *Love the Coopers*, CBS Films & Lionsgate Feature Film

2013

Scenic Artist & Painter for *Born Yesterday*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Good People*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *1776*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Clybourne Park*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Other Desert Cities*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Set Decoration Buyer for *Love the Coopers*, CBS Films & Lionsgate Feature Film

2012

Videographer & Editor for *Saints Tour*, Bricolage Immersive Theater
Exhibit Painter for *The Rainbow Room*, The Pittsburgh's Children Museum
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Don Giovanni*, , Pittsburgh Public Opera
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Around the World in 80 Days*, Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *As Your Like It*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Red*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Jack Reacher*, Paramount Feature Film
On Set Props Assistant for *Promised Land*, Participant Media Feature Film
Key Craft Service for *Won't Back Down*, 20th Century Fox Feature Film

2011

Charge Scenic Artist for *Freud's Last Session*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Avengers*, Marvel Studio Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Dark Knight Rises*, Warner Bros Pictures Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Camelot*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Private Lives*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
On Set Props Assistant for *Super 8*, Paramount Pictures Feature Film
Exhibit Painter for *Dora the Explorer*, The Pittsburgh's Children Museum
Exhibit Painter for *Mister Rogers*, The Pittsburgh's Children Museum
Key Craft Service for *Locke & Key*, IDW Entertainment Television Series

2010

Set Designer for *Coyotes in B Major*, Music Video for Punchline
Paint Foreman for *Unstoppable*, 20th Century Fox Feature Film
Photojournalist for Doctors Without Borders, Tanzania, Africa
Set Dresser Swing Gang for *Justified*, CBS Studios Television Series, PA
On Set Scenic Painter for *I Am Number Four*, Feature Film, DreamWorks
Scenic Artist & Painter for *How to Succeed in Business*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Superior Donuts*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Pittsburgh Public Theater

2009

Set Designer for *Lights in the Dark*, Corporate Commercial
Scenic Consultant & Paint Charge for *Scarehouse*, Halloween Attraction

Scenic Gang Boss for *Three Rivers*, CBS Studios Television Series
On Set Scenic Painter for *Prince of Motor City*, FTP Productions Television Pilot
On Set Scenic Painter for *Love and Other Drugs*, 20th Century Fox Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Art*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Moon for the Misbegotten*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *World Goes 'Round*, Goodspeed Opera House
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Big River*, Goodspeed Opera House
Scenic Artist & Painter for *42nd Street*, Goodspeed Opera House
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Sorority Row*, Feature Film, Summit Entertainment
Set Decoration Buyer for *My Bloody Valentine*, Lionsgate Feature Film

2008

On Set Scenic Painter for *She's Out of My League*, DreamWorks Feature Film
On Set Scenic Painter for *The Road*, Dimension Films Feature Film
On Set Scenic Painter for *The Homecoming*, Animus Films Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, The Weinstein Company Feature Film
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Pirates of Penzance*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Radio Golf*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Amadeus*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *High Button Shoes*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Singin' in the Rain*, Goodspeed Opera House

2007

Scenic Paint Charge for *Atilla*, Touring Set
Scenic Paint Charge for *Romantic Poetry*, Vassar Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Metamorphoses*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *The Chief*, Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater

2006

Scenic Paint Charge for *Bhutan* and *A Stead Rain*, Vassar Theater
Scenic Paint Charge for *Go Diego Go*, Touring Set
Scenic Paint Charge for *Man of La Mancha*, Touring Set
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Lil' Abner*, Goodspeed Opera House
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Pirates of Penzance*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Pippin'*, Theater, Goodspeed Opera House
Scenic Artist & Painter for *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Things of Dry Hours*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *ESPN*, Television, Black Walnut

2005

Scenic Paint Charge for *Woman in White*: Andrew Lloyd Weber, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop
Scenic Paint Charge for *Chris Angel*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop
Scenic Paint Charge for *Wausau Dance Theater*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop
Scenic Paint Charge for *Oklahoma Philharmonic*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop
Scenic Paint Charge for *The Sound of Music 50th Anniversary*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Johnny and the Sprites*, Television, Disney
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Broadway: The Play*, Pittsburgh Public Theater
Scenic Artist & Painter for *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Pittsburgh Public Theater

2004

Scenic Paint Charge for *Blue Man Group*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop

Scenic Paint Charge for *Albany News*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop

Scenic Paint Charge for *Westport Country Playhouse*, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop

Scenic Paint Charge for *Ice Age* Opening Event, Capital Scenic Inc., Scene Shop

Scenic Artist & Painter for *Things of Dry Hours*, Pittsburgh Public Theater

2002

Scenic Paint Charge for *Monkey Business*, Stage Right Theater

2001

Scenic Paint Charge for *Peter Pan*, Stage Right Theater

Scenic Paint Charge for *A Living Christmas Tree*, Stage Right Theater

Painter Assistant for *Mothman Prophecies*, Lakeshore Entertainment Feature Film

2000

Scene Shop Manager for *Little Shop of Horrors*, Seton Hill Theater

Scene Shop Manager for *Miser*, Seton Hill Theater, PA

Scene Shop Manager for *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Seton Hill Theater

NOTEWORTHY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018-2022

Assistant to the Business Agent for International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 489

2017-2022

Chairperson of Community and Member Outreach Committee for International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 489

Set Steward for International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 489, Multiple Productions

2009-2011

Chairperson of the Applications and Permit Committee for International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 489

2020-2022

COVID Committee Lead Member for International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 489