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"Bloody Electricity" 2023, Hand-made quilt with recycled fabric, 119 x 89 cm, 47 x 35 in

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"Kill Them With Kindness" 2022, Hand-made quilt with recycled fabric, 211 x 203 cm, 83 x 80 in

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"High Flyer Tote Bag" 2022, Custom fabricated tote bag with recycled fabric, 30,5 x 61 x 25,5 cm, 12 x 24 x 10 in

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### CV

#### Education

2007

Master of Fine Arts, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

2005

Post Baccalaureate, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

2001

Bachelor of Fine Art, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

#### Selected Exhibitions

2023

*Gallery Poulsen 20*, Gallery Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

2022

*A Birdcage, Until Further Notice*, Jud Bergeron, Ben Venom & Gianluca Franzese, Gallery Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

2021

*Crafting America*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

*Sew What*, University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington, KY

2020

*Wherever I May Roam*, Hashimoto Contemporary, San Francisco, CA

*Here and Now*, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN

*Death Cult*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA

*The de Young Open*, de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA

2019

*All This Mayhem*, Midlands Art Centre, Birmingham, United Kingdom

*Over the Top*, Panteon, Mexico City, Mexico

2018

*Reclamation*, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN

*Material Men*, Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum, La Conner, WA

*Paper Cuts*, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA

*Crisp*, Helium Cowboy, Hamburg, Germany

2017

*The Embedded Message*, Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA

*No More Mr. Nice Guy!*, Tarble Arts Center, Charleston, IL

*Cowboyland*, Helium Cowboy, Hamburg, Germany

*Twenty-One*, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA

*American Quilts: Sewn Stories*, Munson William Proctor Arts Institute, Utica, NY

*Under Winter Moon*, Richard Heller Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

*Show and Tell*, Gregg Museum, Raleigh, NC

*Tangled*, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA

#### Awards

2017

*Artist in Residence*, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA

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2015

*Artist in Residence*, de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA

2012

*Best of the Bay: Stitch Wizard*, San Francisco Bay Guardian

*Best of Nashville*, Quilting Extras at the Frist, Nashville Scene

2011

*SF Weekly Masterminds Grant*

2007

*Jurors Choice Award*, Beyond Printmaking: Landmark Arts Gallery

*Anderson Ranch Printmaking Scholarship*, Snowmass Village, CO

2001

*Vera Jernigan Green Memorial Art Award*

### Lectures

2021

Spotlight Talk, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

2020

Panel Discussion, de Young Museum

2019

Vans, New York City, NY

2018

Midlands Art Centre, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Google, San Francisco, CA

2017

Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

Adidas HQ, Portland, OR

Gregg Museum, Raleigh, NC

Table Art Center, Charleston, IL

### Selected Bibliography

*A Collision of Quilting and Rock Music*, CBS Sunday Morning News

*Step Inside the World of Ben Venom*, Playboy Magazine

J.H. Fearless: *F\*\*k You, Grandma!...*, Creators Project

Leora Lutz: *On the Fringe*, Surface Design Magazine

Stephanie Dyke: *Creative Heroes: Ben Venom*, Creative + Mindful

Daniel Crowder: *Precious Object Hanging*, Textile Artist

Ramona Barry & Rebecca Jobson: *The Craft Companion*, Upcycle, p. 327

Elizabeth Betts: *Quilting World: Ben Venom*, Popular Patchwork Magazine

Helen Adams: *Ben Venom*, Textile Curator

Rebecca Schiller: *Wild One*, Hand Eye Magazine

Kimberly Chun: *Bay Area Quilts and Quilters*, San Francisco Chronicle

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*What's Your Style?*, KQED

Stacey Eldridge: *Ben Venom's Quilts Rock!*, Patchwork & Stitching Magazine

Sandi Hazlewood: Episode 18, Crafty Planner Podcast

Christopher Michno: *A Patchwork Quilt*, Art Limited

Kristin Farr: *Thrill of it All*, Juxtapoz

Alberic Davet: *Heavy Metal T-shirts Transformed into Quilts*, Be Street

Siran Babayan: *Dude's Who Make Quilts*, Los Angeles Times

Shara Morris: *Ben Venom Quilt's the Punk Rock Way*, The Frame

### Collections

Google

OBEY

Levis – Japan

Robert Flynn Johnson

Gregg Museum

Fort Wayne Museum