

Aimée Kuester is a self-taught artist born in Michigan to a creative family of freelance painters/musicians. 'It must be in the blood' catch phrase echoed throughout her childhood. Raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, immersed in the southwest art scene as her parents thrived- gallery shows, studio models and plein air painting trips were everyday family life and fueled her imagination. She moved to the west coast to pursue her calling in art, and currently lives and works in Pasadena, California.

Her inspiration runs deep in the alchemy of the natural world. She is an appreciator and collector of curiosities- majestic taxidermy pieces and delicate skulls adorn her home studio for pragmatic and spiritual reasons. Wildlife, anatomy and the love of portraiture serves an endless muse, from the human form to untold stories in animal eyes- the allure of translation never dies.

There is a bold playfulness in her charcoal and pastel work, yet it shows clear roots in the fine art realism she highly respects. Fiery color, wild texture and emotional connection are evocative players in her style.

Aimée has also worked as a fashion illustrator, most notably designing costumes for performing artist Katy Perry, her costume concepts have appeared on MTV, Nickelodeon, award ceremonies and live performances worldwide.

Dedicated to constantly polishing her skill set through various forms of continuous education, Aimée strives to keep an open mind in life and in the exploration of art. She currently exhibits in galleries cross country, and enjoys the challenge of focusing on her personal work alongside taking on private commissions.