

**Hello!**

**My name is Michelle (she/her/hers)**

**I am the Education Coordinator**

**at the New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!**

**Welcome to your Virtual Museum Visit!**



In 2020, NBAM highlighted contemporary digital media artists with *Fiber Optic Fridays!*.

*FOF!* was a two-week residency where NBAM presented video, sound, animation, and other digital artworks by emerging artists.

NBAM hosted one artist every two-weeks to showcase the artists work with interviews and online engagements.



*FOF!* brought to you by the Fiber Optic Center of New Bedford and the New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!

# *What is Digital Art?*

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**WARNING:** This video contains flashing images.



## What are Media Arts?

**“Media Arts education encompasses interconnectivity across all disciplines and domains, artistic and academic elements, aesthetics and forms for the purpose of learning and creating.**

**Media artworks are intrinsically interdisciplinary, integrative, and expressive, inclusive of imaging, sound, moving images, virtual and interactive components.”**



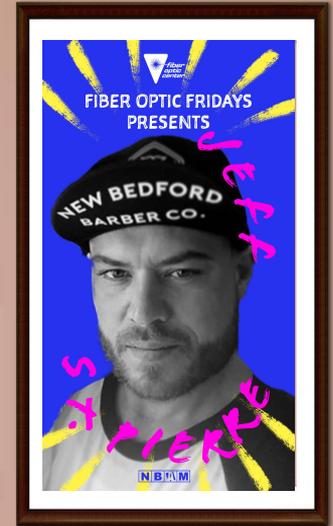
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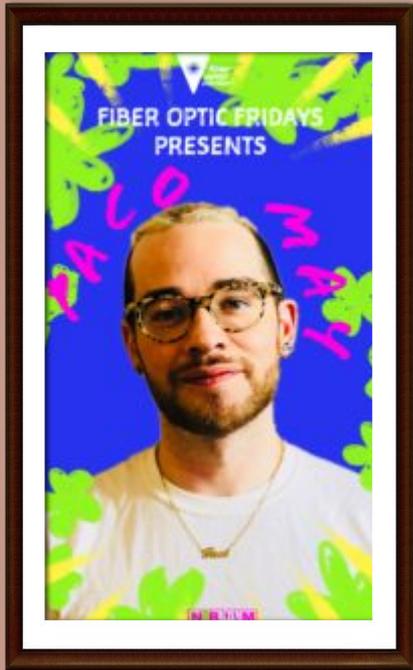
**“Media artworks may be realized through, but not limited to the following domains: digital art, photography, graphics, music, video, animation, motion graphics, web design, interactive apps and game design, 3D products, architecture and environments, audio production, television, internet broadcasting, virtual and augmented reality, and virtual worlds.”**



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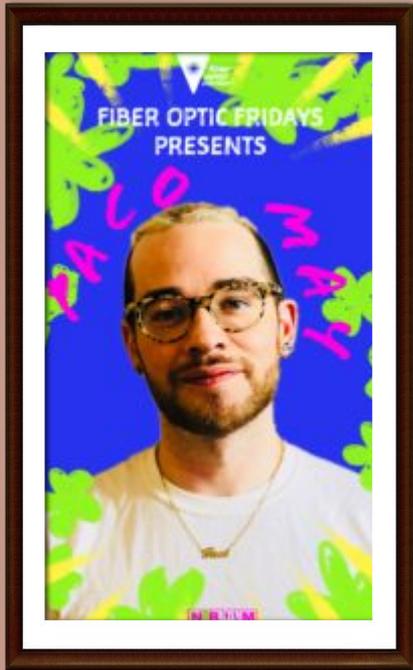
## Our Fiber Optic Artists



## ***Featured Artist: Paco May***

**Paco is a New York-based artist who primarily works with an iPad. His work is often based on photo references which he deconstructs and recolors to render them in an immediate and dynamic way.**





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**His recent work has shifted to focus on the social revolution happening in the streets of New York and to chronicle the diverse group of activists turning our world towards something brighter.**



# What are *Creative Convos!*?

Hello!  
I'm Jamie.  
Enjoy!



In each episode of *Creative Convos!*, our curator Jamie Uretsky (she/her/they/them) chats with artists, curators, and community members about exhibitions at NBAM.

*Fiber Optic Fridays!: Paco May*



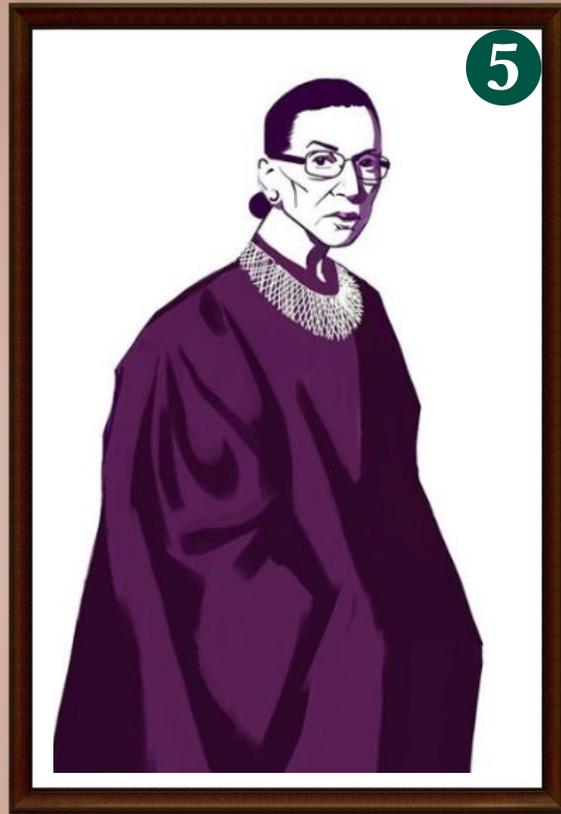
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## Paco's Virtual Exhibit



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**What was your first reaction to these artworks? Why do you think you had these reactions?**



**How would you describe these artworks to someone who has never seen them?**

**Do the artworks bring to mind any of your own life events or memories?**

Click the  
image to  
learn more!



**Billy Porter**  
January 2020  
@paco.may



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**Fashion can provide clues about a person's identity, role, and status.**

**How would you describe Billy's outfit to someone who has never seen it?**



**Fiber Optic Fridays!: Paco May  
on Drawing Billy Porter**



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Any questions, please contact us at  
[info@newbedfordart.org](mailto:info@newbedfordart.org)

Check out our other Fiber Optic Fridays! Artists  
[newbedfordart.org/fof](http://newbedfordart.org/fof)

Visit our digital resources page to explore our  
YouTube Channel, virtual exhibitions, and get  
creative with Museum Dog and friends!  
[newbedfordart.org/stay-connected](http://newbedfordart.org/stay-connected)



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**Our location:  
608 Pleasant Street  
New Bedford, MA**

**Come visit us! Check out [newbedfordart.org](http://newbedfordart.org)  
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