

# Janet Echelman

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*Art, Cities, Giving, Space, Ideas, Believe, Intellectual, Sports, Vulnerable,  
Technology, Four, College, Limits, Landscape, Beautiful, Two, Powerful,  
People, Something New, Clothes*

In Amsterdam, the river and canals have been central to city life for the last four centuries.

~Janet Echelman

My sculpture thrives in the context of the city, interacting with people in the course of their daily lives.

~Janet Echelman

I believe that public space should be intentional: it should be obvious that you belong.

~Janet Echelman

I pay two full-time assistants in my studio, plus consultants who are architects, engineers, and landscape architects, as well as lighting designers.

~Janet Echelman

I never studied sculpture, engineering or architecture. In fact, after college I applied to seven art schools and was rejected by all seven.

~Janet Echelman

It's good for art to make us think, to give us a shared experience that creates a dialogue, makes us talk to each other, including strangers.

~Janet Echelman

You can't stumble upon something new and wonderful if you don't have time to stumble.

~Janet Echelman

The most powerful part of the art is experiential, yet it's the hardest to describe because it's nonverbal.

~Janet Echelman

When developing an idea, I remind myself not to start with compromise.

I envision the ideal manifestation of the idea, as if I had no limits in resources, materials, or permission.

~Janet Echelman

Advances in technology have opened up possibilities in the cultural realm throughout history. I'm intrigued by developments in technology - as an artist it gives me a new palette to explore.

~Janet Echelman

The spaces I want to be in are nurturing and soft and saturated with color. Our cities don't have enough of that, and as humans we need it.

~Janet Echelman

When ideas are young and vulnerable, criticism can be lethal.

~Janet Echelman

My whole career I've been interested by the distinction between an emotional and an intellectual response to an artwork.

~Janet Echelman

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