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## 8 Curators on LGBTQ+ Artists to Celebrate This Pride Month 2024

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For this Pride Month, Artsy tapped eight curators and tastemakers with ties to the queer community to share the artists they're championing this month, and why. Through their eyes, we dive into the practices of more than 70 artists, who together speak to the essence of Pride and why the visibility of LGBTQ+ artists is critical not just this month, but always.

Evan Garza (curatorial fellow at MASS MoCA) and artist Chris Bogia highlight artists from the Fire Island Artist Residency (FIAR) community—the first LGBTQ+ artist residency in the world, which they co-founded in 2011—including Leilah Babirye, Travis Boyer, Chitra Ganesh, Tony Feher, Keltie Ferris, Chris E. Vargas, Paul Mpagi Sepuya, Elijah Burgher, Jeffrey Gibson, and couple/artist duo Annie Sprinkle and Elizabeth Stephens. To this day, the organization continues to provide a live/work space for practicing and emerging queer artists in the historic LGBTQ+ community of Fire Island, New York.



Keltie Ferris, *U xxx Me*, 2022. Kadel Willborn

### **Keltie Ferris**

**B. 1977, Louisville, Kentucky. Lives and works in New York.**

“Keltie is a pioneer of what we call queer abstraction—though today, we can just call it abstraction. Keltie’s work strikes an amazing balance between gestural linemaking, mastery of color, and a sculptural build-up of paint that puts his work in an orbit all its own. Keltie also utilizes colored frames, allowing more control over how the artwork appears on a wall, almost like a sculptor would, which I really respond to.” —Bogia