

Darlyn Susan Yee Artist Statement

My Body My Choice

This piece is one of several in my latest body of work, *Wearing It On Our Sleeves*. These unprecedented times of pandemic, political, social, economic and environmental crises are testing my patience. While others have taken to peaceful protest and social action, I choose to make my voice heard and express my feelings, opinions and core values through art.

I have created the outsized sweaters to convey home, warmth and comfort. And I have chosen the very deliberate acts of knitting, crocheting and stitching to deliver the unsettled themes of our times and to underscore the timelessness of their sentiments. These slogans heard in the past year have now become a part of the fabric of my life.

Scaled at 7 feet tall by 10 feet wide the custom knit and crocheted sweaters in the series include phrases: "Black Lives Matter", "Climate Change is Here", "Stop Asian Hate", "End Rape Culture" "Be Kind To Each Other", "Love Is Love" and more. As a metaphor for solidarity, these outsized sweaters are most often displayed with their arms outstretched toward one another.