



JEHISSON SANTACRUZ

ARTS-BASED RESEARCH & PARTICIPATORY PRACTICES | SOUND • IMAGE • COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

2023 **Master** "Transdisciplinary Studies in the Arts" ZHdK, Switzerland. CH
2018 **bachelor's degree** "Philosophy and Literature" University of La Salle, Colombia. COL
2009. **Master** in Directing for the Performing Arts ASAB. Bogotá. COL
2004. Music and **composition**. Bellas Artes. Cali. COL
2004 - 2007 . **Zootechnis**. UNAL. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Palmira. Colombia.

RECENT SHOWCASES

Marina Abramović "Restrospective" Exhibition. Kunsthau Zürich. 2024 - 2025

As a performer, I took part in "cleaning the house" with the Marina Abramovic Institute MAI and in the 6-month exhibition at the Kunst Haus Zürich.

Collective Exhibition "Del Barrio Pal Mundo" Atelier tramway, Freiburg. CH. 2025

Muséum d'histoire naturelle. Neuchâtel. Orchestre du Lac.

Audio Installation. 2025 -2024. Swiss.

2024 - **World Ethic Forum: "Cantos al Agua y Otros Seres"**

Pontresina. Performance- Installation. Swiss.

Heart Beats - Swiss Tour - Artwork : 4 Meditaciones Metafísicas

2026 / 2025 - Appenzell. Swiss

2025 - Basel. Münsterplatz. Swiss

2025 - Zürich. Kongresshaus. Swiss

2025 - Andermatt. Swiss

2025 - Davos. Swiss

2024 - Milano, Legnago. Italy

2024 - Trento. Italy

2023 - Lugano. Via Nassa

2023 - Luzern. Kurplatz

2022 - Ascona. Lungo Lago

2022 - Einsiedeln. Kloster Hauptplatz

2022 - Rapperswil. Fischmarktplatz

2021 - Zürich. Hauptbahnhof

2021 - Bern. Bundeshaus

The loneliness of 100 years of armed conflict in Colombia

2023 - The loneliness of 100 years of armed conflict in Colombia. Zürich.

2023 Aktionsraum ZhdK. Zürich.

2023 - EXPO Pedagogías Comunitarias. Pole Süd. Lausanne

2022 - Didactic concert "Del Monte" Bern.

2022 - Didactic concert "Del Monte" Zürich.

2021- Didactic concert "Del Monte" Zürich.

PUBLICATIONS

Santacruz Jehisson. "Vers un culture de la santé".

The Library for a Happy Future. 2025

Santacruz Jehisson. "Sentipensar con la tierra".

The Library for a Happy Future. 2025

Santacruz Jehisson "The Art of Community Pedagogies, Emancipation and Resilience of Peoples: An Approach to Indigenous Futurism" ZHDK. 2023

Santacruz Jehisson. "Ejercicio y extensión ética de esta categoría: Hacia una ciudadanía comprendida como inmunología general" Editorial Académica Española. 2018

HEART BEATS



PAINTINGS SERIES



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PROFILE

Jehisson Santacruz fuses art, science, and community through radical participation. Painter. Musician. Researcher. Performer. His practice bridges ancestry and contemporary inquiry—from performing in Marina Abramović's "Retrospective" at Kunsthau Zürich to releasing tropical electronic beats with Papaya Tropical Music, supported by leading international labels and reaching more than 350K+ listeners globally.

PAPAYA TROPICAL MUSIC has performed across Paris, London, Freiburg, Athens, Crete, Geneva, and Kosovo—blending tropical rhythms with experimental Afro-Latin soundscapes. His sculptural painting "4 Meditaciones Metafísicas" toured Italy and Switzerland (2021-26). His video performance "Cantos al Agua" was featured at the World Ethics Forum (2024).

His books explore singing and dancing as tools for collective healing; his research articles examine arts-science methodologies in participatory action research. Santacruz's practice asks: What emerges when art becomes research? When community becomes method? When sound becomes territory? How do we sing, paint, and dance our way into collective futures?

Honored by the United Nations and Colombian Embassy, University of Geneva (2023).

LIVE SHOWS

DJ/Producer - PAPAYA TROPICAL MUSIC

performed across Europe 2023-2026

Greece • Italy • Switzerland • France

• Kosovo Athens • Crete • Rome • Genève

• Paris • London • Bordeaux • Pejë • Bern

• Kosovo • St. Gallen • Zürich • UK

Festival & Event Highlights

Anibar Festival • Paris Plages

• La Ville est à Vous • Alta Cumbia Fest

MUSIC RELEASED ON

Make the Girls Dance MTGD

Golden Recordings

Club Bad Records

Afrodite Musik



AWARDS

2023 honorary recognition for artistic achievements awarded by the UN, UNHCR, and the Embassy of Colombia—presented at the University of Geneva, Swiss.

As CEO of Collembola Productora, I was honored three consecutive years—2016, 2017, and 2018—with the top prize from the City of Chia's Cultural Portfolio Awards, in recognition of artistic projects that fused innovation with social transformation.



LA CIUDAD DE LA FURIA

2025. Technique: Pastel on paper
30 X 42 cm

DANCE WITH ME

2025. Technique: Pastel on paper
30 X 42 cm



ANDES - ALPES. Acryl on paper. 2024
Series: Le silence des peuples



BANANA TRANSATLÁNTICA

2025. Technique: Pastel on paper
30 X 42 cm



INDIO MIGRANTE

2025. Technique: Pastel on paper
30 X 42 cm



ELLA TAMBIEN BAILA SOLA

2025. Technique: Pastel on paper
30 X 42 cm

PERSONAL REFERENCES

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LANGUAGES

Spanish: Mother tongue
English: C1
German: C1
Italian: C1
French: B1

Residence permit: C