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# **Use Is Beauty**

A solo exhibition by Justin Squier

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# **JUSTIN SQUIER**

## **Grand Junction, CO**

### **Artist Biography**

Justin Squier is a mixed media artist and native of Colorado. Growing up in the western high desert instilled a reverence for history and provided a visual landscape of rugged character. Squier learned the joy of working with his hands at a very young age. Through jobs, an admiration of vintage automobiles, and antiques he gained a collection of skills that include welding and woodworking. His art appreciation developed young and was flourished by wonderful teachers throughout his schooling. He went on to receive his BFA from Colorado Mesa University with an emphasis in sculpture. There he also became a skilled draftsman and printmaker. He currently resides and creates in Grand Junction Colorado with his wife and two hound dogs.

### **Artist Statement**

I am creating with the time of former people and honoring their existence by transforming the objects they discarded or left behind. Through a visual tension of differing materials and the re-utilization of aged items, I am celebrating a hidden legacy of time spent from a limited life; The giving of this time is sacred. The patinas, damages, and character of the found objects as well as the added movements, contrasts, and materials tell

stories of use and importance. The moments spent viewing my artwork is giving the same gift of time and therefore bond the present to the past. Through my work, I want the viewer to contemplate their own time, labor, use, and value, resulting in a truer appreciation of the present.

Learn more about Justin and his artwork at [justinsquier.com](http://justinsquier.com) or on his Instagram [@justin.squier](https://www.instagram.com/justin.squier).

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