

# Judy Chicago Talks Feminist Product Collaborations And The Importance Of Crowdfunding

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Judy Chicago photographed with her seminal work, *The Dinner Party*, now permanently housed at the Brooklyn Museum. JUDY CHICAGO

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Judy Chicago's limited-edition "Sky Sun" Plate, created for the MCA Visionary Luncheon. From Prospect founder Laura Currie: "The Sky Sun plate features one of Judy's early abstract works of the same name from 1971. It was part of a series called 'Flesh Gardens,' which Judy created while she was leading the very first feminist art program at California State University." PROSPECT NEW YORK

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Primordial Goddess plate (\$135 at Prospect) symbolizing the universal female principle. PROSPECT NEW YORK

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Sappho Place Setting from Prospect (\$135) PROSPECT NEW YORK

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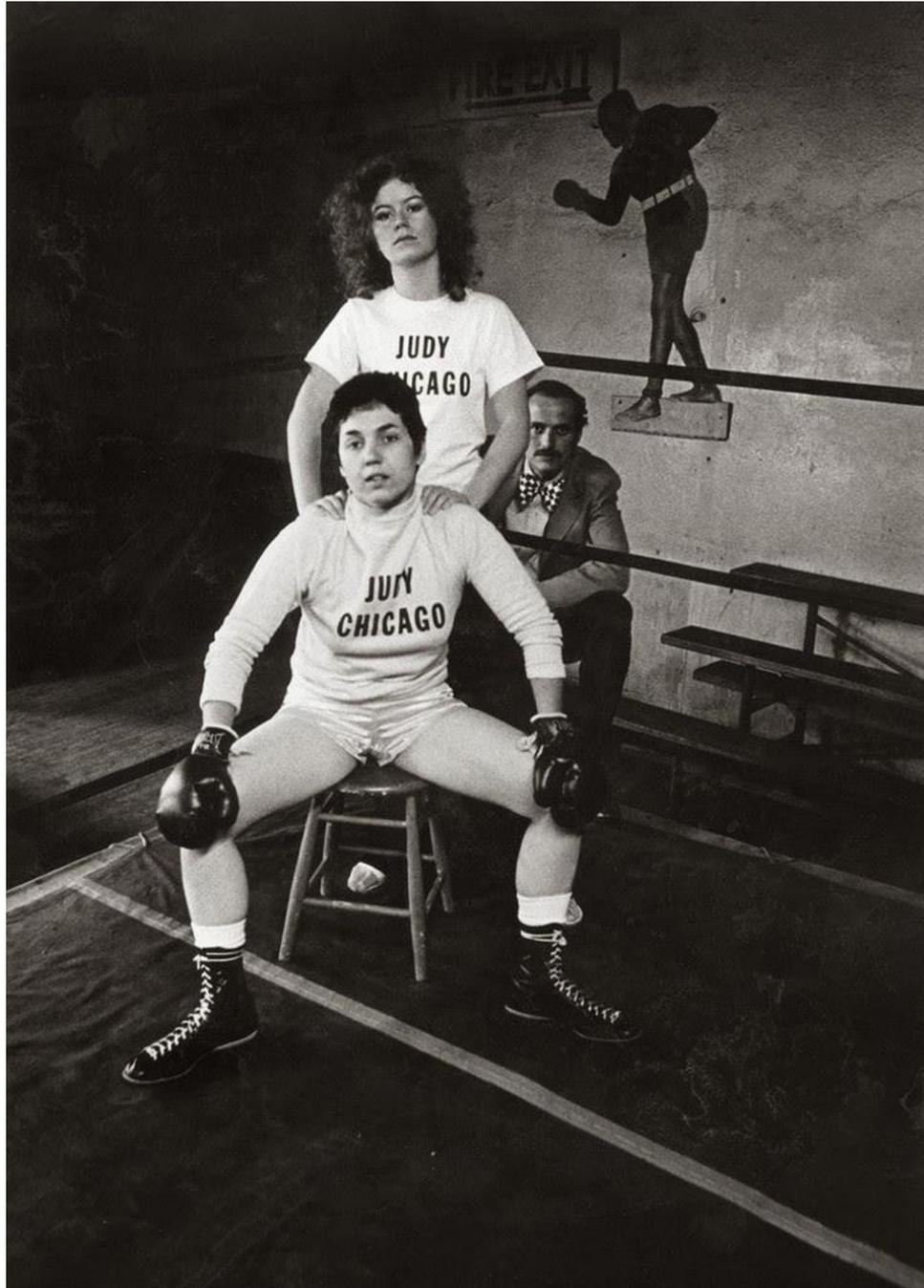


A Goddess For You: Spring Soap Sculpture available at Prospect (\$25). In this limited-edition collaboration, Chicago reinterprets the Venus de Willendorf, an early figurine of the mother goddess (c. 30,000 BCE). PROSPECT NEW YORK

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Judy Chicago sweatshirt and homage to the artist [see photograph below.] Freeing herself of any male-dominated nomenclature, Judy Gerowitz officially transformed into Judy Chicago in 1970. (\$95 at Prospect) PROSPECT NEW YORK



Posing in a boxing ring where Mohammad Ali once trained, the artist is photographed wearing silk shorts, boxing shoes and sweatshirt inscribed with her chosen name  
-Judy Chicago. JUDY CHICAGO

These are quality products that can be displayed, rather than relegated to a museum or gallery wall where only a select few can see them. Being introduced to some of the challenging subject matter I've addressed through my work in a more casual setting...opens the door for more honest conversations.

After spending many years fighting to open her own professional doors—"the biggest compliment you could get was that you painted like a man"—Chicago is

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Exterior of Through the Flower Art Space in Belen, New Mexico THROUGH THE FLOWER

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