

## Bio

Jomar Statkun was born in Freehold, New Jersey in 1972. His official/birth certificate name is Joseph Marino Statkun. It's believed he was born in the same hospital as Bruce Springsteen. He grew up in a small town called Allentown (that's Allentown, New Jersey, not Pennsylvania). He is a quarter Filipino, a quarter Chinese, a quarter Polish, and a quarter Lithuanian. His father used to be a missionary priest. Growing up, his greatest mentor was the cosmologist and geologist, Thomas Berry. In high school he had the school record for the 400 meter hurdles at 55.5 seconds. He loved to organize and invent games for his friends in the neighborhood where he grew up. He can play the theme song to E.T. on the piano. He was awarded the Esther B. and Albert S. Kahn award at Boston University where he received his MFA degree. He is a founding member of the project *This Red Door*. He has worked at Art Crating and Gagosian Gallery. He has been a professor at Columbia University and Pratt Institute, and has been a visiting artist at numerous institutions.

Jomar Statkun currently lives and works in New York.