

Kelly Akashi

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1983 Born in Los Angeles, USA

Lives and works in Los Angeles, USA

Education

2014 M.F.A., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

2010 Staatliche Hochschule für Bildende Künste (Städelschule), Frankfurt am Main, Germany

2006 BFA, Otis College of Art & Design, Los Angeles, CA

Solo Exhibitions

2023 Formations, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA (forthcoming)

Formations, Musuem of Conteporary Art, San Diego, CA (forthcoming)

Infinite Body, Tanya Bonakdar, New York, NY (forthcoming)

Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA

Frieze LA Projects: Against the Edge, curated by Jay Ezra Nayssan & Del Vaz Projects, Heiroom,

Villa Aurora, Pacific Palisades, CA

2022 Formations, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA

2021 Faultline, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, CA

2020 Cultivator, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO

Mood Organ, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY

2019 Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA

a thing among things, ARCH Athens, Athens, Greece

Figure Shifter, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, CA

Carolyn Glasoe Bailey Foundation, Ojai, California, CA

2018 Shadow Film, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, CA

2017 Long Exposure, SculptureCenter, New York, NY (curated by Ruba Katrib)

2016 Being as a Thing, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, CA

2015 &, Tomorrow Gallery, New York, NY

H x V x T, Between Arrival & Departure, Düsseldorf, Germany

SSOfTlly, Michael Jon Gallery, Miami, FL

2014 Mirror Image, MFA Thesis Exhibition, USC Roski Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2013 Hit Me Lightning, Chin's Push, Los Angeles, CA

2010 w'o mhnwa e mx mjgg nxc dxojm twae wok xhmam tjhj, Beige Cube, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 Ecstatic: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA (forthcoming)

Imperfect Paradise, Barbati Gallery, Venice, IT

River Styx, SEA VIEW, Los Angeles, CA

I've got a feeling: The five senses in contemporary art, Musée des beaux-arts, Angers, France

2021 The Slipstream: Reflection, Resilience, and Resistance in the Art of Our Time, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY

The Inconstant World, Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

IRL, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY

The Going Away Present, Kristina Kite, Los Angeles, CA

2020 Eureka! Creativity in California: Artists of the Golden State at the Governor's Mansion, Governor's Mansion, Sacramento, CA

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- Ground/Work, The Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA
Return of the Real, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY
Possessed: Deviance, performance, resistance, MO.CO., Montpellier, France
Collection as Poem in the Age of Ephemerality, X Museum, Beijing, China
Blue Flowers, Le Maximum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Bad Peach, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, CA
Centennial: 100 Years of Otis Alumni, Ben Maltz Gallery at Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA
Living in a Lightbulb, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY (Curated by Jenny Jaskey and Mia Locks)
Eclipse, collaboration with Cayetano Ferrer, Private Places, Portland, OR
Human Nature, Pilchuck Glass School Gallery, Stanwood, WA
Brave New Worlds: Exploration of Space, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA
Alchemy, IK Lab, Tulum, Mexico
Dirty Protest: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Glow Like That, K11 Atelier, Hong Kong, China
- 2018 Tissue of Memory, Simon Lee, New York, NY (Organized by James Shaeffer)
The Public Body .03, Artspace, Sydney, Australia (Curated by Talia Linz and Alexie Glass-Kantor)
Seeing Believing Having Holding, i8 Gallery, Reykjavik, Iceland (Curated by Dan Byers)
Liquid Dreams, Ghebaly Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Palladium Radio, Rainbow in Spanish, Los Angeles, CA (Curated by Carter Mull)
From the Outside to the Inside, Crone Wien, Vienna, Austria
Pine Barrens, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York, NY
Gut Friends, Porch Gallery Ojai, California, CA (curated by Ry Rocklen and Frederick Janka)
Demolition WoManhood, Skibum MacArthur, Los Angeles, CA
From the Outside to the Inside, Galerie Crone, Vienna, Austria
The Lulennial II: A Low-Hanging Fruit, Lulu, Mexico City, Mexico (Curated by Andrew Berardini and Chris Sharp)
All Hands on Deck, Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Dreamers Awake, White Cube, London, UK (Curated by Susanna Greeves)
Lyric on a Battlefield, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY (Curated by Miciah Hussey)
99 Cents or Less, Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI (Curated by Jens Hoffmann & Scott Campbell)
Au revoir, jewelled alligators and white hotels, hallucinatory forests, farewell. Galerie Crèvecoeur, Paris, France
Vertical Gardens, Antenna Space, Shanghai, China (Curated by Franklin Melendez)
Concrete Island, VENUS, Los Angeles, CA (Curated by Aaron Moulton)
Los Angeles - A Fiction, Musée d'art contemporain de Lyon, France (Curated by Gunnar B. Kvaran, Thierry Raspail and Nicolas Garait-Leavenworth)
Ours is a City of Writers, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall, Los Angeles, USA (Curated by Suzanne Hudson, Simon Leung, and James Nisbet)
- 2016 Take Me (I'm Yours), Jewish Museum, New York, NY (Curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist, Jens Hoffmann, and Kelly Taxter)
Dengue Fever, Arturo Bandini at Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX
Los Angeles - A Fiction, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway (Curated by Gunnar B. Kvaran, Thierry Raspail and Nicolas Garait-Leavenworth)
Streams of Warm Impermanence, David Roberts Art Foundation, London, United Kingdom (curated by Vincent Honore)
Made in LA: a, the, though, only, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA (curated by Aram Moshayedi and Hamza

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- Walker)
ClayNation, Paramount Ranch III, Los Angeles, CA
Fear of a Blank Pancake, White Flag Projects, St. Louis, MO (Organized by Matthew Strauss)
Roman a Clef And/Or The Appetite Of The Chef, Rainbow in Spanish, Los Angeles, CA
Design & Crime, Galerie Hussenot, Paris, France (Curated by Franklin Melendez)
Eva, Curated by Erika Ceruzzi and Zoe Field, Interstate Projects, New York, CA
- 2015 Blind Mime in Reverie, Know More Games, Brooklyn, USA (curated by Keith J. Varadi)
Can't Reach Me There, Midway Contemporary Art, Minneapolis, USA (Curated by Sarah Lehrer-Graiwer)
SOGTFO, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles, USA (Organized by Charlie White)
Kelly Akashi & Sean Raspet, Chateau Shatto, Los Angeles, CA
And There Is an End, Roberts & Tilton, Los Angeles, CA
Face It, Full Haus, Los Angeles, CA
Speed Space, Tif Sigfrids, Los Angeles, CA (Curated by Alexandra Gaty)
Paramount Ranch, Artist Curated Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 Seau Banco Carbon, Tomorrow Gallery, New York, NY (Organized by BSLA x Bobby Jesus)
Slippery, Martos Gallery, New York, NY
Benjamin and Me, Galerie Xippas, Paris, France
Stairs Into My Eyes, The Finley, Los Angeles, CA
A Meerkat's Whistle, 3 Days Awake, Los Angeles, CA
Summer & sUMMER, Michael Jon Gallery, Detroit, MI
The Remains of the Day, Michael Thibault, Los Angeles, CA
2014 Monster Drawing Rally with Becket Flannery, Armory, Pasadena, CA
Light Night, Wallspace, New York, NY (Curated by Kristina Kite)
- 2013 Thought Bungalow, Artist Curated Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 Occupy the Mind: Pedagogy, Capitalocentrism and the Arts Fantasy, USC, Los Angeles, CA (panel with Noura Wedell, Connie Butler, Jack Halberstam, A.L. Steiner, and Santi Vernetti)
Kottabos, Los Angeles, USA (curated by Marina Pinsky)
- 2011 Dreams, The Crypt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Summer Show, Gallery 3209, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 Little Tremors, Forgotten Bar, Berlin, Germany
Little Tremors, Atelierhof Kreuzberg, Berlin, Germany
Shangrila, Joshua Tree, CA
Staedelschule Rundgang, HfBK Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Selected Public & Private Collections

- Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Cc Foundation, Shanghai, China
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), Los Angeles, CA
The Perimeter, London, UK
Sifang Museum, Nanjing, China
X Museum, Beijing, China

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Awards / Residencies

- 2022 LACMA Art + Tech, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Headlands Center for the Arts, Artist in Residence, Sausalito, CA
ARCH, Artist in Residence, Athens, Greece
Carolyn Glasoe Bailey Foundation Art Prize and Residency, Ojai, CA
- 2018 Pilchuck Glass School, Scholarship, Stanwood, WA
- 2017 Glass Alliance of Los Angeles, Scholarship for Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Art Here and Now, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 ARC Durfee Foundation Grant, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 CSSSA (California Summer School for the Arts), Residency, California Institute of the Arts Valencia, CA

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- 2016 Moshayedi, Aram and Hamza Walker. Made in LA 2016: a, the, though, only. Los Angeles: Hammer Museum, 2016.
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Lehrer-Graiwer, Sarah. Can't Reach Me There. Belgium: Die Keure Publishing, 2016.

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Laster, Paul, "3 Los Angeles Art Exhibitions Exploring the Nature of Things," Art & Object, August 28, 2020
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- "Reach Inside: Kelly Akashi and David Muenzer," X-Tra, April 15, 2020
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