

Alex Kalil

Artist & Community Organizer

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EDUCATION

Rhode Island School of Design

BFA 2013 Film/Animation/Video · Seth MacFarlane Scholar · David Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship for Visionary Artists

Multidisciplinary training in Film, Animation, Ceramics, Printmaking, Painting, Weaving, Drawing, Life Study, Woodworking, Sound Design, Sound Recording & Production, Framing, Installation, and Curation

Phillips Academy Andover

Class of 2009

EMPLOYMENT

2025

Charter & School Bus Driver

Doherty's Garage, Lincoln, MA

2024

Art Installer / Shipment Coordinator

deCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA, Corporate Art Lending Program (CALP)

Fine Art Framer (part-time)

Dave Poutre Fine Framing, Boston, MA

Host / Server

Five Horses Tavern, Davis Square, Somerville, MA

2022

Arts Instructor - All Media, Ages 6-14

Agassiz Baldwin Community Afterschool Arts Program, Cambridge, MA

2020-'21

Public School Bus Driver

Five Star Bus Company / First Student Inc., Barnstable, MA

2020

Farmhand / Picking Crew

Red Fire Farm, Montague, MA - Large-scale organic farm on the Connecticut River · Se habla español

2019-'20

Cheese Specialist

The Wedge Co-op, Minneapolis, MN - Uptown district

2018-'19

Private Caregiver - Elder with Dementia

Pierce Family, Cambridge, MA - Daily needs, stimulation, and reassurance for late-stage dementia client

2017

Assistant / Model Maker

Maryann Thompson Architects, Watertown, MA

2016-'21

Mushroom Farm Salesperson

Mycoterra Mushroom Farm, South Deerfield, MA - Farmer's markets throughout New England

2016

Zen Kitchen Apprentice (6 months)

Tassajara Zen Mountain Center / SFZC, Big Sur and San Francisco, CA

2015

Crafts Counselor, Boys Ages 14-17

Cheley Colorado Camps, Estes Park, CO

2012-'14

Arts Counselor

Deerfield Academy Summer Arts Camp, Deerfield, MA, Animation, music, painting · Ages 11-17

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2026 Slough Farm Artist Residency

Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, MA (upcoming June 2026)

2023 Chappaquiddick Island Artist's Retreat

Chappaquiddick Island, MA (July 2023)

2023 Haystack Mountain School of Crafts

Deer Isle, ME (June 2023)

2023 Arrowmont Pentaculum, Fibers Cohort

Gatlinburg, TN (May 2023)

2016 San Francisco Zen Center

Carmel Valley / San Francisco, CA, March-September 2016

2015 Meadow Hill Retreat

Chilmark, MA, September-October 2015

EXHIBITIONS & SHOWS

Boston, MA

First Church Boston

Illuminations: Tapestry of Sorrow & of Joy Solo Exhibition, Dec 2024 thru Feb 2025

Fragility Promise and Potential Curated by A. Kalil, May thru Nov 2025

Paintings and Drawings from the 'Primordial Soup' series Curated by A. Kalil, Nov 2025 thru Feb 2026

Boston Center for the Arts

Yúská: Uncoil Curated by Erin Genia, May thru July 2024

Cambridge, MA

Gallery 263

Sanctuary Curated by Maria Molteni, Feb thru Mar 2018

Maud Morgan Center for the Arts

Kids Pop-up Market Curated by Cory Shea, Dec 2022 / May 2023

Elks Lodge, Central Square

Boston Hassle / Black Market April 2018 / 2019

Out of the Blue, Too

Installation with William Cassidy, Solomon Rosenthal 2017

Somerville, MA

Vernon Street Studios

Open Studios May 2024 / November 2022

Mixed Messages December 2023

The Whitney Biennial May 2023

FLASH March 2023

The Cube

PITH (performance) Curated by Juliet Paramor & Steffanie Paul, Winter 2025

Reunion

Hard Times Emporium Curated by Mike Curtis, June 2024

20 Russell Street

Cosmic Salad Curated by Maryann Thompson, May 2017

New House Curated by Maryann Thompson, June 2014

1369 Coffee House

Big Paintings Curated by Soleil / Boston Hassle, March 2018

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

2nd Annual Trash Bash Competition (winner) June 2015

Medford, MA

Arts Collaborative Medford

The Threads That Tie Us Curated by Regina Parkinson, Winter – Spring 2025

Spirit House

Solo Exhibition of Quilted Tapestries Fall/Winter 2024, Spring 2025

Theory Wellness Dispensary

Lobby Exhibition Curated by Regina Parkinson, Winter – Spring 2025

Mystic Coffee Roasters

Party Animals Self-curated, Spring 2015

Concord, MA

Concord Free Public Library, Munroe Gallery

Unconventional Quiltmaking (with Larry Clifford) January 2026

Dorchester, MA

Boston Distillery Gallery

No Call / No Show Curated by Andy Li, July 2024

Dorchester Art Project

Altarations: A Selection of Shrines Curated by Emma Leavitt & Sophia Giordano, August 2018

Allston, MA

Zone 3 Western Ave.

Art in Print: Series 19 Curated by Anna Doctor of Isenberg Projects

Arlington, MA

The Big Red House

A Million Gems Performer / Sound Engineer

FallFest 2025 Sound engineer

Brighton, MA

Brighton Bazaar / Brighton Speedway

Brighton Bazaar (self-curated maker's market) March / September 2023

Beverly, MA

Beverly Bootstraps

Bootstraps Fundraiser Drive Curated by Karl and Mo, June 2025

Newburyport, MA

NBPT Brewing Co.

Collage Show (self-curated) April / September 2022

Revere, MA

St. Anthony's Cathedral

Wonderland Card Expo September 2023 / June 2024

Cotuit, MA

Cotuit Center for the Arts

ABSTRACTION: A Juried Exhibit Curated by Michelle Law, October 2021

Burlington, VT

Fletcher Road Design Studios

Ongoing installation Curated by Kate Swanson, June 2024

New York City, NY

28 Varick Avenue

Throwing a dart at the wall and drawing the target around it Curated by Michael Rose, February 2023

Minneapolis, MN

Fresh Eye Gallery

sure as a fish in the sky; bird in the sea Curated by Kehayr Ransaw-Brown, Aug – Oct 2022

Providence, RI

Rhode Island School of Design

RISDCraft Self-curated, September 2023

32, Too Many Cooks Above the Kitchen Group senior thesis, Spring 2013

Lights Film Fest Curated by Lily Jen & Alex Kalil, Winter 2012

COMMUNITY PRACTICE

Co-host · PorchFest Cambridge / Somerville and FallFest Arlington

Member & performer · School of Honk, Cambridge / Somerville

Music producer & recording collaborator for local musicians (Bandcamp / Soundcloud)

Album art and design for local bands

Farmer's market vendor · Mycoterra Mushroom Farm, Cambridge and Somerville

After-school arts mentor · Maud Morgan Center for the Arts, Cambridge

Arts counselor · Deerfield Academy Summer Arts Camp & Cheley Colorado Camps