

RAFFI KALENDERIAN

1981 Born in Los Angeles
Lives and works in Los Angeles

EDUCATION / RESIDENCIES

2004 BFA, Painting, University of California, Los Angeles
Residency, Idyllwild Arts Academy, Idyllwild
2007 Residency, Medium, St. Barthélemy, French West Indies

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 "Bathers (Nothing Comes From Nothing)," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
2024 "Eighteen with a Bullet", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Paris, France, May 25 – July 6
2023 "Call the Curtain / Raise the Roof / Spirits on Tonight", Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, June 08 – July 22
2022 "Across the way moved in a pair, with passion in its prime, maybe they look through to us,
and hope that's them in time", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, June 11 – Jul. 29
"Before the Moon Falls", Susanne Vielmetter, Los Angeles, US, Jan. 22 – Mar. 5
2021 Nassima Landau Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel, Mar. 4 – Apr. 14
2020 Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, US, Nov. 19 – Dec. 19
2019 "Memento Vivo", Susanne Vielmetter, Los Angeles, US, May 18 – June 29
2018 Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany, Feb 23 – April 14
2017 "Portraits", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, Nov. 3 – Dec. 22
2016 "Green River", Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy, Nov. 23 – Jan. 14, 2017
"For the Dead", Susanne Vielmetter, Culver City, US, July 16 – Aug. 27
2015 "Walk Through the Night", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 30 – Dec. 19
2014 Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany, Nov. 7 – Jan. 17
Susanne Vielmetter, Culver City, US, May 31– July 12
2013 "Paint Work", Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany, Sept. 13 – Nov. 2
2012 "Interior Life", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, Nov. 1 – Dec. 22
"Currents, Undercurrents and Manoeuvres", Susanne Vielmetter, Culver City, US, Jan. 7 – Feb. 11
2011 Brand New Gallery, Milano, Italy, Jan. 13 – Feb. 26
2010 "Memoranda", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, May 29 – July 24
2008 "Satellites", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 30 – Oct. 11
Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, US, March 1 – April 5
2007 "Palimpsest: Selected Works on Paper", Marc Jancou Fine Art, New York, US
2006 "Wicked Waters", Medium, St. Barthélemy, French West Indies
"Born Under Punches", Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, US

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 "Buchman Galerie - 30 Years", Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany, Mar. 28 - Apr. 26
2024 "Oasis", La Loma Projects, Los Angeles, US, Aug. 1 – Aug. 31
"Mystery Villa No. 1," Society of Art Los Angeles, Los Angeles, US
"Group Shoe 4", Vera Gallery, Madrid, Spain, June 12 -Aug. 30
"Overserved", Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, US, cur. Raffi Kalenderian & Alberto Cuadros, May 16 – July 3
"Raffi "& AI's Legendary Garden Party, Vielmetter Los Angeles, US, Feb. 27 – April 20
"New Works", Vielmetter Los Angeles, US, Jan. 13 – March 9
2023 "Perpetual Portrait", Vielmetter Los Angeles, US
"Horizon Line," ABR Contemporary, Miami Beach, US, March 4 – Apr. 1
2022 "New Visions," The Love You Gallery, cur. Andrew Reed and Sophia Kardonski, Miami, US, Sept. 18 – Oct. 8
"30 Years Anniversary Exhibition", Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich, Switzerland, Sept. 2 – Oct. 14.
"Plants Now!", Vielmetter, Los Angeles, US, July 16 – Aug. 26
"Dream Life", BB&M Contemporary Art Gallery, Seoul, South Korea, May 21- Jul. 2
2021 "Eau de Valloton," Tif Sigfrids, Georgia, US, Sept. 11 – Oct. 19
"In the Meanwhile...Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Art," Santa Barbara Museum of Art, US, Aug. 15 – Jan. 30
"Via Cafe", Tif Sigfrids, Georgia, US, Jan. 9 – Feb. 27
2020 "20 Years," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, US, July 18 – Aug. 29

- 2019 "What is an edition, anyway?," McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, US
2018 "Genius Loci", Setareh Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany, cur. Markus Herse, July 4 – Aug. 26
"To our Fellow Artists and Poets who are Confused About Which Way to Go", Lundgren Gallery,
Palma de Mallorca, Spain
2017 "What's Up", New York, cur. Lawrence van Hagen, May 3 – 27
"Hotel Kalifornia", Galerie Lefebvre & Fils, Paris, France, Mar. 28 – May. 19
2016 "Painters' Painters", Saatchi Gallery, London, UK, Nov. 29 – Feb. 28
"Zeichnungen", Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany, Nov. 18 – Jan. 14
"A Verdant Summer", Taymour Grahne, New York, NY
"Imagine", Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy
2015 "Reliability of Recognition", BolteLang, Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 27 – Mar. 28
"Art Rotterdam 2015", Orins A. Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Feb. 5 – Feb. 8
2014 "Another Cat Show", 356 Mission, Los Angeles, US
2013 "Body Language", Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
2011 "From where you just arrived", Pepin Moore, Los Angeles, US, Oct. 29 – Dec. 3
"Eslov Wide Shut", Blomsterberg's Warehouse, Eslov, Sweden, Sept. 3 – Sept. 25
"Goldmine", UAM, University Art Museum, Long Beach, US, cur. Christopher Scoates, Feb. 5 – April 10
2010 "Die Nase des Michelangelo", Galerie Peter Kilchmann at Marktgassee, Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 10 – Dec. 19
"Kunst 10 Zürich, ZKB-Kunstpreis", Zurich, Switzerland, Nov. 11 – 14
"Painting", LA Art House, Los Angeles, US, cur. Roger Herman, Oct. 29 – Jan. 3
"Crystal World", Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany, Nov. 12 – Dec.
Starkwhite Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand, cur. Whitney Bedford
"Portraits de Collectionneurs", Muro Gallery, Châtelaine, Switzerland, Sept. 7 – Oct. 15
"Next Generation", Kunstmuseum St Gallen, St Gallen, Switzerland, July 3 – Oct. 31
2008 "L.A. Potential", Hangar 7, Salzburg, Austria, cur. Lioba Reddeker, Sept. 19 – Nov. 9
"Faces and Figures (Revisited)", Marc Jancou Contemporary, New York, US, Sept. 12 – Oct. 25
"Stories: Portraits", Eleven Rivington, New York, US, July 10 – August 22
"Some Paintings: The Third (2007) LA Weekly Annual Biennial", Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, US,
cur. Doug Harvey
2007 "Warhol & ...", Kantor / Feuer Gallery, Los Angeles, US
"Cali in CPH, Part ii: Bucket of Ice", Co-Lab, Copenhagen, US
2006 "Fall", Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, US
"The Boat Show", high Energy Constructs, Los Angeles, US
"Just My Funy Way Of Laughing", South La Brea Gallery, Inglewood, US
2005 "Christmas in July", Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, US
2004 "Dear Summertime", Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, US
"Living in he Ice Age", University of California, Los Angeles, US
"I'll Walk You Home If You Walk Me Home Right After", Los Angeles, US, cur. Eric Palgon
"UCLA Undergraduate Juried Show", Official Selection, UCLA, Los Angeles, US, jur. Christina Hernandez
2003 "UCLA Undergraduate Juried Show", Official Selection, UCLA, Los Angeles, US, jur. Liz Larner
2002 "New Work", University of Leeds, Leeds, UK

COLLECTIONS

Bayerische Staatsoper Portrait Gallery, Munich, Germany
Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, US
Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, US
Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, US
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, US
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, US
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, US
Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
Chadha Art Collection, The Netherlands
Pinacoteca Giovanni e Marella Agnelli, Torino, Italy
313 Art Project, Seoul, South Korea
AMMA Fundacion Amparo y Manuel A.C., Puebla, Mexico

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- 2023 "5 Trending Artists Grabbing the Attention of the Artnet Gallery Network This August," Artnet, August 4
"Raffi Kalenderian: Call the Curtain / Raise the Roof / Spirits on Tonight", Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, ex. cat.
- 2022 "Raffi Kalenderian's Kaleidoscopic Compositions", Mitchell Anderson, Frieze, London, July 19
- 2020 "Raffi Kalenderian", Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, ex. cat.
- 2018 "Genius Loci", Marcus Herse, Setareh Gallery, Düsseldorf, p. 30 - 33
- 2017 "Best in Show 2016", Ezra Jean Black, Artillery, Los Angeles, January/ February
- 2016 "Raffi Kalenderian: 'For the Dead', at Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects", interview by John Seed, Huffington Post, US, August 23
- 2015 "Collecting: Robert Shiell", art ltd. March/ April
- 2012 "Raffi Kalenderian", Annie Buckley, Art in America, New York, April 6
"Raffi Kalenderian", Modern Painters, New York, April
- 2011 "The Nose of Michelangelo", Quinn Latimer, Frieze, London, No. 137, March, p. 142
"Raffi Kalenderian", Brand New Gallery, Milan, ex. cat.
- 2010 "So kommen Sie gut durch 2011, Art Basel Miami Beach", Eva Karcher, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Wochenende, Munich, No. 303, Dec. 31, p. 5
"Raffi Kalenderian", Kunst 10 Zürich, Zurich, Nov. 11 - 14, pp. 84 - 85, cat.
"Eine kleine Düsternis ist immer da", Ruth Händler, Capital, Hamburg, No. 9, p. 135
"Portraits de Collectionneurs", Tindaro Gagliano, Muro Gallery, Châtelaine, ex.cat.
"Monumentalität und Zuversicht", Philipp Meier, NZZ, Zurich, Oct. 16, p. 57
"Raffi Kalenderian: Memoranda", text by Doug Harvey, Nieves Books, Zurich (monograph)
- 2009 "Raffi Kalenderian", GTB, Frieze Yearbook, London
"Raffi Kalenderian", Burkhard Meltzer, Frieze, London, Issue March, pp. 163 - 164
- 2008 "Facebook Analog", Daniel Morgenthaler, Züritipp, Zurich, Sept. 25 - Oct. 1, p. 33
"Kalenderian'in sergisi ilk kez Avrupa'da", Sandy Zurikoglu Erdogan, Agos, Istanbul, 12. Sept.
"L.A. Potential: HangArt 7", Lioba Reddeker, Basis Wien, Wien, cat.
"Raffi Kalenderian at Black Dragon Society", Kerry Kugelman, Art Ltd., Los Angeles, May
"A Look at Raffi Kalenderian", Hong-An Truong, Artslant.com, March 9
"Some Paintings: The artists in the third L.A: Weekly Annual Biennale", Doug Harvey, The LA Weekly, Los Angeles, Jan. 11 - 17
- 2006 "Le Coin Des Galeries", Artforum: French Colonies, Nov.