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RAFFI KALENDERIAN (b. 1981 in Los Angeles, CA) received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of California, Los Angeles, CA, and completed residencies at St. Barthélemy, French West Indies, and the Idyllwild Arts Academy, Idyllwild, CA.

Kalenderian has been the subject of solo exhibitions at Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA; Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy; Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany; Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Paris, France; Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland; Marc Jancou Fine Art, New York, NY; Medium, St. Barthélemy, French West Indies; Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; Nassima Landau Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel; and Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

He has been included in recent group exhibitions at ABR Contemporary, Miami Beach, FL; BB&M Gallery, Seoul, South Korea; Galerie Lefebvre & Fils, Paris, France; Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland; Lundgren Gallery, Palma de Mallorca, Spain; McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, CA; Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY; Saatchi Gallery, London, UK; Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA; Setareh Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany; Tif Sigfrids, Comer, GA; VETA Galeria, Madrid, Spain; and Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

His work may be found in the collections of the Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA; Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN; and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA.

The artist lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.

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EDUCATION

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

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 "Spotlight: Raffi Kalenderian," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
2025 "Bathers (Nothing Comes From Nothing)," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
2024 "Eighteen With a Bullet," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Paris, France
2023 "CALL THE CURTAIN / RAISE THE ROOF / SPIRITS ON TONIGHT," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
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, Zürich, Switzerland
"Before the Moon Falls," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
2021 Nassima Landau Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel
2020 Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
2019 "Memento Vivo," Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, Culver City, CA
2018 "Always in Rare Form," Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
2017 "Portraits," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland
2016 "Green River," Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy
"For the Dead," Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, Culver City, CA
2015 "To Walk Through the Night," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland
2014 Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, Culver City, CA
Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
2013 "Paint Work," Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
2012 "Interior Life," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland
"Currents, Undercurrents, and Maneuvers," Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, Culver City, CA
2011 Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy
2010 "Memoranda," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland
2008 "Satellites," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland
2007 "Palimpsest: Selected Works on Paper," Marc Jancou Fine Art, New York, NY
2006 "Wicked Waters," Medium, St. Barthélemy, French West Indies
"Born Under Punches," Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 "Interiors," Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
"Buchmann Galerie – 30 Years," Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
"REDACTED LINCOLN HEIGHTS DTLA" (curated by Raffi Kalenderian, Wyatt Mills, and Ben Quinn) Gallery ThirtySix, Los Angeles, CA
"Kronenhalle Lïds"(curated by Raffi Kalenderian and Alberto Cuadros), John Doe Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2024 "All Bangers, All The Time: 25th Anniversary Exhibition," Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
"OASIS," La Loma Projects, Los Angeles, CA
"Mystery Villa No. 1," Society of Art Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
"Group Shoe 4" (curated by Mario Ayala), VETA Galeria, Madrid, Spain
"Overserved" (curated by Raffi Kalenderian and Alberto Cuadros), Miles McEnery Gallery, New York, NY
"Raffi and Al's Legendary Garden Party," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
"New Works by Lavaughan Jenkins, Mario Joyce, Raffi Kalenderian, Kiriakos Tompolidis," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

2023 "Perpetual Portrait," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
"Horizon Line," ABR Contemporary, Miami Beach, FL

2022 "New Visions" (curated by Andrew Reed and Sophia Kardonski), The Love You Gallery, Miami, FL
"30 Years Anniversary Exhibition," Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zürich, Switzerland
"Plants Now!," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
"Dream Life," BB&M Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

2021 "In the Meanwhile...Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Art," Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
"Via Cafe," Tif Sigfrids, Comer, GA

2020 "20 Years Anniversary Exhibition," Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

2019 "What is an edition, anyway?," McEvoy Foundation for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

2018 "Genius Loci 6," Setareh Gallery, Düsseldorf, Germany
"To our Fellow Artists and Poets who are Confused About Which Way to Go," Lundgren Gallery, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2017 "Hotel Kalifornia," Galerie Lefebvre & Fils, Paris, France
"Whats Up New York," LVH Art, New York, NY

2016 "Painter's Painters," Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
"A Verdant Summer," Taymour Grahne, New York, NY
"Imagine," Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy

2013 "Body Language," Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

2012 "Goldmine," Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA

2010 "Die Nase des Michelangelo," Galerie Peter Kilchmann at Marktgasse, Zürich, Switzerland
"Crystal World," Buchmann Galerie, Berlin, Germany
"Painting," (curated by Roger Herman), LA Art House, Los Angeles, CA
"Portraits de Collectionneurs," Muro Gallery, Châtelaine, Switzerland
"Next Generation," Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland

2008 "L.A. Potential: HangArt-7" (curated by Lioba Reddeker), Salzburg, Austria

"Faces and Figures (Revisited)," Marc Jancou Contemporary, New York, NY
"Stories: Portraits," Eleven Rivington, New York, NY
"Some Paintings: The Third LA Weekly Annual Biennal," Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

2007 "Cali in CPH, Part ii: Bucket of Ice," Co-Lab, Copenhagen, Denmark
"Warhol &...," Kantor/Feuer Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
"Liquid Light," dba256 Gallery, Pomona, CA

2006 "Fall," Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
"Boat Show," High Energy Constructs, Los Angeles, CA
"Just My Funny Way of Laughing," South La Brea Gallery, Inglewood, CA

2005 "Christmas in July," Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA

2004 "I'll Walk You Home If You Walk Me Home Right After" (curated by Eric Palgon), Los Angeles, CA
"Dear Summertime," Black Dragon Society, Los Angeles, CA
"Living in the Ice Age," University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

2003 "UCLA Undergraduate Juried Show," Official Selection, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
"New Work," University of Leeds, Leeds, UK

SELECT COLLECTIONS

Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA
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Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA

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2021 Soloski, Alexis, "What Megan Mullally Likes: Soft T-Shirts and Sad Songs," The New York Times, 9 February.
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2020 Adamson, Glenn, "Feel the Love" in "Raffi Kalenderian," New York: Miles McEnery Gallery.

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2018 Nash, David, "Kendall Wilkinson Outfits the $15.5 Million Penthouse at San Francisco's 181 Fremont," Architectural Digest, 30 October.

2017 Mahony, Anna, "Must-See Art Guide: Zürich," Artnet News, 14 December.

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2015 Seed, John, "Collecting: Robert Shiell," art ltd., March/April.

2014 Shaw, Michael, "Raffi Kalenderian," ArtScene, July/August.

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2012 Buckley, Annie, "Review: 'Raffi Kalenderian: Currents, Undercurrents, and Maneuvers,'" Art in America, April.

2011 Latimer, Quinn, "The Nose of Michelangelo," Frieze, no. 137, March: 142.

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