

ALEX RICCI

Producer of Audiovisual Experiences

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Biography

Alex Ricci is an audiovisual artist, music producer and DJ. Originating from Guelph, Canada, he now lives Berlin and frequently works between Germany, Canada and Spain. With a keen interest in transfiguring everyday spaces with projection-mapped, abstract visuals and experimental, electronic sounds, Alex's practice centers around multidisciplinary installation projects and live music performances.

In 2021-2022, Alex attended Berklee College of Music Valencia to complete a Master's in Music Production Technology and Innovation, where he studied artistic leadership, fundamentals of audio engineering, sound responsive animation with After Effects, and interactivity with new music technology. Through a culminating experience project, Alex spent one intensive year creating a new audiovisual live performance focused on artistically postulating possible futures and gesticulating in electronic performance. Upon graduation, Alex received the MPTI program's Most Outstanding Scholar Award.

Alex's recent work includes creating a new EP and live performance for electronic music alias Alex Iso. The project is currently touring Europe, presenting with a live generative visualizer designed by fellow Berklee classmate Ruben Prados (Kaleido.Noise). In the autumn of 2022, Alex presented two audiovisual installation pieces at LUMEN Festival of Light and Technology in Waterloo, Canada. The first, Luxonus, is a new, site-specific iteration of a project developed at Berklee, which uses the physicality of light projected on string to explore our perception of time. The second installation was Techno Bunker, which used a converted parking garage to give participants a chance to reflect on the duality of rave and war.

Alex is one-half of Canadian audiovisual collective, Static Channel. This duo creates immersive environments for music performance and interactive installations. In addition to creating Techno Bunker, Static Channel has ongoing installation series such as Actualizer, which visualizes and abstracts participants' own image as a means of examining the consequences of surveillance and questioning the possibility of digital anonymity. Static Channel has toured across Canada, participating in notable events such as Nuit Blanche, Hillside Festival, Up Here, Flourish Festival and Wavelength.

Over the past several years, Alex has developed as an instructor, facilitator, and mentor, assisting other creators with improving technical skills in projection mapping and interactive software, and assisting music-makers tap into deeper and more vulnerable sources of creativity. Alex teaches workshops regularly with Ed Video Media Art Centre, founded and facilitated the X-Practice Project mentorship and residency program, and served as mentor through the Guelph Arts Council Emerging Artist Program.

Education

Berklee College of Music, Valencia, Spain

Master's in Music Production, Technology and Innovation 2021 - 2022

University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada

Bachelor of Arts, English 2013

Awards

2022

Most Outstanding Scholar | Berklee Valencia

2021

Tuition Scholarship | Berklee Valencia

2020

Artists in Communities and Schools Project Grant | Ontario Arts Council

2019

Exhibition Assistance grant | "Megaphonic" | Ontario Arts Council

Arts Across Canada grant | Canada Council for the Arts Artist Development grant | FACTOR

2018

Multi & Inter Arts Project grant | "Cymatics" | Ontario Arts Council

Exhibition Assistance grant | "Analog Arsenal" | Ontario Arts Council

Jane Graham Memorial Award | Guelph Arts Council

2017

FACTOR | Artist Development grant

2016

Exhibition Assistance | "Cottonwood Mirror Displacements" | Ontario Arts Council | Animating Our Waterfront sponsorship | Waterfront Toronto

2015

Exhibition Assistance | "Old Lakeshore Mashup" | Ontario Arts Council

Look/Hear Micro Grant | Kazoo! Fest and Ed Video Media Arts Centre

Professional Experience

MEDIA ART - INSTALLATIONS + EXHIBITIONS

2022

"Luxonus" | LUMEN | Waterloo City Centre | Sept. 24 Waterloo CA

"Techno Bunker" | LUMEN | City Centre | Sept. 24 Waterloo CA

"Luxonus" | INOCON | CCCC | Apr.9-23

Valencia ES

"Beyond the Stage" | Museu de les Ciències | Jun. 10 Valencia ES

2021

"Glitchcraft" | LUMEN Lite | Sept. 25

Waterloo CA

"X-Pods" | X-Practice Project | Jul. 10

Guelph CA

"Land(e)scape" | Necessary Arts | Jun. 6-Jul. 4 Guelph CA

2019

"Megaphonic" | LUMEN 2019 | Sept. 28 Waterloo CA

"HueDrop" | Wavelength Summer Festival | Aug. 17 Toronto CA

"Analog Arsenal" | Long Winter | Feb. 9 Toronto CA

2018

"Actualizer" | LUMEN 2018 | Sept. 29 Waterloo CA

"Megaphonic" | Night//Shift | Nov. 4

"Analog Arsenal" | Electric Eclectics | Aug. 3-5 Meaford, CA

"Actualizer" | AGO First Thursdays | April 5 Toronto CA

2017

Kitchener CA
"The Verbasizer" | The Drake Hotel | Oct. 29
Toronto CA
"Analog Arsenal" | Long Winter | Feb. 4
Toronto CA

2016

"Cottonwood Mirror Displacements" | Camp Wavelength | Aug. 19-21 Toronto CA

2015

"Old Lakeshore Mashup" | Supernova Festival | Sept. 18 Burlington CA

Professional Experience

SELECT MUSIC PERFORMANCES

2022

Alex Iso | Madame Claude | Oct 15 | Berlin DE Alex Iso | Mindscape Festival | May 29 | Valencia ES Alex Iso | Sporting Club | May 27 | Valencia ES Alex Iso | INOCON | Apr. 9 | Valencia ES

2021

Por El Mar | Palau de les Arts | Oct. 22 | Valencia ES

2019

VERSA | Le Plante | Oct. 20 | Montreal ON
VERSA | Nuit Blanche | Oct. 5 | Toronto ON
VERSA | Guelph Civic Museum | Aug. 23 | Guelph ON
David Alexander | Copper Wires #1 | Aug. 8 | Guelph ON
VERSA | Y2K Live Looping Festival | May 9-11 | Mexico City
VERSA | Flourish Festival | Apr. 23-25 | Fredericton, NB
David Alexander | Kazoo! Fest | Apr 10 | Guelph ON
VERSA | Gain Fest | Mar. 9 | Guelph ON

2018

VERSA | Up Here 4 Festival | Aug. 18 | Sudbury ON
VERSA | "Multi-Sensory Art Party" | Aug. 2 | Toronto ON
VERSA | Empty Fest 10 | May 4 | Sarnia ON
VERSA | The Redwood Theatre | Apr. 21 | Toronto ON
VERSA | Kazoo! Fest | Apr. 13 | Guelph ON
VERSA | Girls Rock Camp | Mar. 13 | Guelph ON

2017

VERSA | Art of the Brew Ha Ha | Nov. 11 | Guelph ON
VERSA | The Rec Room | Sept. 16 | Edmonton AB
VERSA | Red Gate Arts Society | Sept. 14 | Vancouver BC
VERSA | Shine On Festival | Aug. 26 | Kerry MB
VERSA | Tumblestone Festival | Aug. 25 | Thunder Bay ON
VERSA | Robert McLaughlin Gallery | Aug. 11 | Oshawa ON
VERSA | Electric Eclectics Festival | Aug. 4 | Meaford ON
VERSA | Grickle Grass Festival | May 27 | London ON
VERSA | Honest Ed's Farewell Party | Feb. 24 | Toronto ON

2016

VERSA | NIGHT/SHIFT | Nov. 5 | Kitchener ON
VERSA | Hold Fast | Aug. 18-21 | St. John's NF
VERSA | Struts Gallery | Aug. 14 | Sackville NS
VERSA | MOONJAMM | Aug. 13 | Knowlton QC
VERSA | Hillside Festival | Jul. 22 | Guelph ON
VERSA | Empty Fest 8 | Mar. 12 | Sarnia ON
VERSA | Wavelength Music Festival | Feb. 13 | Toronto ON

2015

VERSA | Futurera | Nov. 29 | Toronto ON VERSA | Art Crawl | Oct. 9 | Hamilton ON VERSA | Nuit Blanche | Sept. 19 | Ottawa ON VERSA | Kazoo! Fest | Apr. 8 | Guelph ON

2014

Kashka | Junction Music Festival | Sept. 20 | Toronto ON Kashka | Focus Wales Festival | Apr. 24 | Wrexham, Wales

2013

Kashka | Halifax Pop Explosion | Oct. 23 | Halifax NS Kashka | Lee's Palace | May 31 | Toronto CA

2012

Kashka | The LAB | Brooklyn US Kashka | Haffen 2 | Offenbach DE Kashka | Strefa Kultywator | Poznan PL

SOUND RECORDING

2022

Far Out | Rory Lyon | Co-producer, bass guitar, synth | Released Jun. 15

Half Truths | Static Channel | Producer, composer | Released Feb. 25

2021

Levadas | Static Channel | Co-producer, composer, bass guitar | Released Oct. 5

Windsurfing | Static Channel | Producer, composer | Released Apr. 23

2020

Love What is Left | Static Channel | Producer, composer, bass guitar | Released Jun. 25

2018

VERSA | VERSA | Producer, composer, bass guitar | Released Mar. 23

2016

Split VHS | VERSA | Composer, bass guitar | Released Jul. 8

2013

Bound | Kashka | Guitar, additional recording | Released Nov. 5

Professional Experience

Professional Development

2022

Instructor - Try Your Hand: Projection Mapping Workshop | Ed Video Media Arts Centre, Guelph CA Participant - Berklee International Career Summit, online and Valencia ES

2021

Participant - Comeback Year | Luther Mallory, online Co-founder, facilitator - X-Practice Project | Otherwise Studios, 10C, Necessary Arts, Guelph CA Instructor - Resolume Arena Workshop | Ed Video Media Art Centre, Guelph CA Mentor - Guelph Arts Council Guelph Emerging Artist Mentorship Program, Guelph CA

2020

Mentor - Guelph Arts Council Guelph Emerging Artist Mentorship Program, Guelph CA Participant - Intro to Blender 3D | Trinity Square Video, Online Participant - Introduction to Free Improvisation | Joe Sorbara and Silence, Guelph CA

2019

Instructor - Marbling and Media Art | Calliope Collective, Kingston CA

Participant - DMX Synchronized Lighting | Ed Video Media Art Centre, Guelph CA

Instructor - Creating Live Video Art | Ed Video Media Art Centre, Guelph CA

Participant - Performing with Ableton Live: On Stage with St. Vincent | Linkedin Learning, online

Participant - Creative Music Ensemble | University of Guelph, Guelph CA

2018

Mentee - Centre for Business and Student Enterprise | Hub Incubator Program, Guelph CA Artist-In-Residence - Flourish Fall Residency | Flourish Festival, Fredericton CA

2017

Participant - Artist Entrepreneur Program | Canada's Music Incubator, Toronto CA

2016

Instructor - Paper Marbling - A Modernized Introduction | Hold Fast, St. Johns CA Artist-In-Residence - Drake AV Club | The Drake Hotel, Toronto CA