

Kismet Arts Tangent

Selected Activities

Here's a selection of Kismet Arts Tangent activities ranging from public performances to collaborator meetings.

Kismet Arts Tangent is an Oakland-based interdisciplinary arts collective.

Our gatherings often take the form of aniconic rituals—participatory experiences centered on creative processes rather than fixed stories or characters. Through shared actions, documentation, and dialogue, we investigate new ways of making art together.

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psychobotany

Theatre performance

2017

Andrew Rose, Annikah Peabody, Katarina Countiss, Anne Kouzmanoff, Hannah Ayasse, David Samas, David Drudge

This 1-hour dance theater performance was at the San Francisco Fringe Festival presented by Exit Theater. The piece featured responsive overhead projector, live original music, and performative authentic movement.

Photo credit to Ezra Reeves



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KHK: Untitled

Experimental collaboration process

2020

Katarina Countiss, Kevin Corcoran, Hannah Ayasse

This 5-session collaborative process was held over zoom. This piece featured remote collaboration, self-produced video artifacts, and separated roles: performer, choreographer, composer

Photo credit: Katarina Countiss



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Pluot Season

diy venue performance

2021

Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, Fenner Merlick, Baylor Obadasian, Simone Bloch, Puja Tolton, Kevin Corcoran, Demi Ayuna

This 45-minute performance piece was self-hosted at a residential backyard in West Oakland. This piece featured a compressed devising schedule, backyard venue, and a designated director

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Potato Topos

Theatre performance

2022

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones

This 60-minute dance theatre piece was presented at SF Fringe Festival presented by Exit Theatre. This piece featured a rotating facilitation, documentation, consistent devising schedule, and group exhibition.

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Potato Topos WIP

Theatre performance

2022

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones

This 60-minute theater piece was presented at the New Now, a now defunct community venue in West Oakland. This piece featured comment sheets, talk back, and an East Bay Theatre Venue

Photo credit: Katarina Countiss

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A Shrubbery Gift

Experimental collaboration process

2023

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones

This 60-minute procession was performed in a public area in West Oakland. This piece featured procession exploration, public space, and documentation.

Photo credit: David Jones



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Protopotany

Theatre performance

2023

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones, Annikah Peabody

This 90-minute performance was self-produced at 2727 California St. venue. This piece features increased proximity to audience, tea ceremony, and material/prop exploration.

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The Palace Collective Residency

Artist residency

2023

Kevin Corcoran, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro

This two-week artist residency was presented by the Palace Collective in Poland. Our participation included workshops, group exhibition, and networking.

Photo credit: Katarina Countiss



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Annikah's backyard

Photo shoot

2023

Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones, Annikah Peabody

This 2-hour photo shoot was at Annikah's Backyard in East Oakland. This photo shoot featured original costumes and natural lighting.

Photo credit: David Jones

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Wetside of the Lake

Theatre performance

2024

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones, Annikah Peabody

This 60-minute dance theatre piece was presented at the San Francisco International Arts Festival at Studio 210. This piece features sound cues on 1 continuous track, challenging materials, group exhibition, and combinatory duet collaboration.

Photo credit: Mirror Void

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Napa Sleepover

Retreat

2024

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones, Annikah Peabody

This two-day retreat was self produced and held at a residence in Napa, California. The retreat included photo/video shoot in pool, authentic movement/writing, and sequencing scenes (post-it-polooza)

Photo credit: Katarina Countiss

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Clipper Cove

Retreat
2024

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones, Annikah Peabody

This day long event took place at Clipper Cove on Treasure Island. This retreat featured a rotated facilitation. We collected video/photos and poetry.

Photo credit: Fenner Merlick



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Ellen Webb Studio

Photo shoot
2024

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, David Jones

This 2-hour photo shoot was at a dance studio in West Oakland. This photo shoot featured a smoke machine and lasers.

Photo credit: David Jones



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Wish Collection at Kilovolt

Collaborators meeting
2026

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro, Annikah Peabody

This 2-hour collaborators meeting was located at a west Oakland institution that recently moved. It was a reunion --has it been 2 years since we were together? We collected ideas for projects.

Photo credit: Fenner Merlick



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Obsidian Healing Camp

Collaborators meeting
2026

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro

This three-hour collaborator meeting was held at Obsidian Healing Camp. This meeting included a tour facility, ideation in dance studio, signed up for membership

Photo credit: Katarina Countiss

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Show at Lab SF

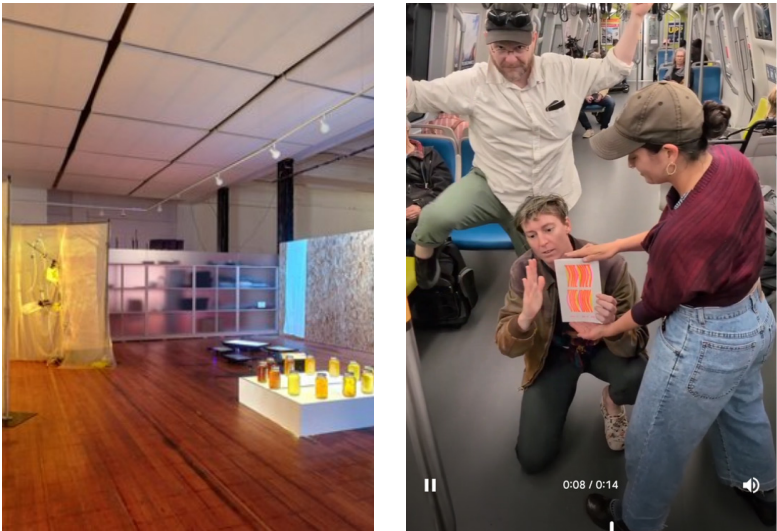
Venue visit
2026

Fenner Merlick, Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss, Domi Nigro

This three-hour field trip was centered around a show at the LabSF called The Wet and The Dry. We experienced a group exhibit in a private appointment. We talked with executive director about the state of arts funding.

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Kat's apartment

Photo shoot
2026

Andrew Rose, Katarina Countiss

This 2-hour photo shoot was at a residence in Downtown Oakland. This photo shoot featured original lighting and original costumes.

Photo credit: Kayleigh Shawn

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