

LARK LYRA LOU HILL

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Born in 1987, San Francisco, CA

Lives and works in Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

2011 BFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

RESIDENCIES

2023 Cima Citta artist residency, Ticino Alps, Italy, with The Hologram
Monira Artist Residency, Mana Contemporary Chicago, Chicago, IL

SOLO SCREENINGS, PERFORMANCES AND EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Safety Shapes (work in progress)*, High Concept Laboratories at Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL

2018 *Holy Shit: Film and Performance by Lyra Hill*, SubRosa, Santa Cruz, CA

2016 *Lyra Hill: Three Performances*, Conversations at the Edge, Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL

2015 *Moon Moods*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Multiple Persuasions: Films and Performance by Lyra Hill, Artists' Television Access, San Francisco, CA

2014 *Special Affects: The Films of Lyra Hill*, Echo Park Film Center, Los Angeles, CA

2012 *CUFF Gallery*, Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL

GROUP SCREENINGS

2024 *The Places We Call Home*, The Brunswick Green, Artist Film Workshop, Brunswick, Australia (*House Fuck*)

2023 *Program 4*, Light Field, The Lab, San Francisco (*House Fuck*)

2022 *Actually, it's the Shadow that Casts the Light*, Black: a Film Festival, Taipei, Taiwan (*The Mystic*)

2020 *Two Films by Lyra Hill*, Movimcat, online (*The Mystic*, *Uzi's Party*)
Screening Room, Istanbul Experimental Film Festival, online (*House Fuck*)
with *Behind The Wallpaper*, Music Box Theatre, Chicago, IL (*Uzi's Party*)

2019 *Program 3*, Light Field, The Lab, San Francisco, CA (*Uzi's Party*)

2018 *New Works Salon XLIII*, Echo Park Film Center, Los Angeles, CA (*Breathe With Cube*, *Happy Ending*)

- 2017 *Wretched Nobels*, The Den Theater, Chicago, IL (*remember/this/feeling*)
Camera Obscura: Third Annual Report, New Nothing Cinema, San Francisco, CA
(Uzi's Party)
Cineclub 16mm, Espectro Electromagnético, Mexico City (*House Fuck, The Mystic*)
- 2015 *HAXAN Film Festival*, Omni Commons, Oakland, CA (*Uzi's Party*)
Chicago Underground Film Festival, Logan Theater, Chicago, IL (*Uzi's Party*)
Double Exposure: Lyra Hill and Daviel Shy, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL (*House Fuck, The Mystic, Untitled (Times For), Uzi's Party Teaser Trailer*)
- 2014 *All Of Them Witches*, Bell House, Brooklyn, NY (*excerpts from Uzi's Party*)
The Blazing Familiar: Recent Film & Video from Chicago, Pleasure Dome, Toronto, ON, Canada (*The Mystic*)
- 2013 *Orbits*, Chopin Theater, Chicago, IL (*Uzi's Party Teaser Trailer*)
The Least Foreign Films: A Survey of Current Chicago Image Makers: Celluloid Shorts, Doc Films, Chicago, IL (*The Mystic*)
URSCI Film Festival at Dominican University, River Forest, IL (*The Mystic*)
- 2012 *Antimatter Film Festival*, Victoria, BC, Canada (*House Fuck*)
Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival, Hawick, Scottish Borders (*The Mystic*)
Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI (*House Fuck*)
- 2011 *'Bride of Super 8'*, Chicago 8: Small Gauge Film Festival, Chicago, IL (*Untitled (Times For)*)
IASD Dream Art Exhibition - Earth Dreaming, Chicago, IL (*For My Psychopomp*)
Selected Works, CANTV, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *SAIC Undergraduate Film Festival*, Chicago, IL (*For My Psychopomp*)
Room Tone, Nightingale Theatre, Chicago, IL (*House Fuck, For My Psychopomp*)

PERFORMANCES

- 2024 *Zine Not Dead*, Hairpin Arts Center, Chicago, IL (*Pleasure Hex*)
444 Heads Birthing a Resounding Cataclysm, No Nation, Chicago, IL (*music*)
- 2021 *Zine Not Dead*, Gridsport, Chicago, IL (*Fool in Love*)
Life Rhymes, Cafe Mustache, Chicago, IL (*Danny David*)
- 2020 *Multi Cult Virtual Ritual: Star*, online (*music*)
Zine Not Dead, Archer Ballroom, Chicago, IL (*Come to Daddy, Come to Me*)
- 2019 *Sonic Acts*, Paradisio, Amsterdam, Netherlands (*Breathe With Cube*)
- 2017 *Helltrap Nightmare*, The Lyric Hyperion, Los Angeles, CA (*music*)
Therapy Sessions, The Hungry Brain, Chicago, IL (*music*)
HALLUCINATIONS at documenta 14, The Greek Film Archive, Athens, Greece
(*Breathe With Cube, It All Depends (On You)*)

- Cineclub 16mm*, Espectro Electromagnético, Mexico City (*Breathe With Cube, Banana Glove Game*)
- 2016 *The Gong Show*, hm157, Los Angeles, CA (*as Sir Lyra Hill*)
- Cool Girls Show*, The Hideout, Chicago, IL (*music*)
- Zine Not Dead*, Archer Ballroom, Chicago, IL (*Do Not Fear The Darkness*)
- Helltrap Nightmare*, The Hideout, Chicago, IL (*music*)
- Full Moon Karaoke*, Company Brewing, Milwaukee, WI (*music*)
- Helltrap Nightmare*, Elastic Arts, Chicago, IL (*music*)
- Your body is a battleground*, Weinberg/Newton Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Go Down*)
- Her Environment*, Archer Beach Haus, Chicago, IL (*music*)
- CAKE Bake*, the Hideout, Chicago, IL (*as host and auctioneer Sir Lyra Hill*)
- Fort*, Chicago Home Theater Festival, Chicago, IL (*as The Wall in the Fort*)
- 2015 *Zine Not Dead*, Pinky Swear, Chicago, IL (*All Is My Doing*)
- Moon Moods*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL (*Moon Moods*)
- SLEEPER: an Experimental Haunted House*, Experimental Sound Studio, Chicago, IL (*as Llama Man*)
- SOMNAPHORIA Release Show*, Silent Funny, Chicago, IL (*Moon Moods*)
- CAKE Bake*, No Nation, Chicago, IL (*as auctioneer, and with Lillie West*)
- With Lorene Bouboushian, Forced into Femininity*, Cavenaw and Cavenis, Space Oddities, Chicago, IL (*Moon Moods*)
- Cinema by Other Means: New Words*, Nightingale Theater, Chicago, IL (*Danny David*)
- Double Exposure: Lyra Hill and Daviel Shy*, Roots & Culture Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Breathe With Cube*)
- With Scott McCloud*, Chicago Humanities Festival, Art Institute of Chicago, IL (*Gravity*)
- 2014 *Childhood Haunts*, The Cinefamily, Los Angeles, CA (*Go Down*)
- Contest*, Yards, Chicago, IL (*as Blue Man in wrestling cage match*)
- With Goat Mouth, Hogg, Creep Highway*, Yards, Chicago, IL (*Papa Neon*)
- Brain Frame 19: Grand Finale*, Thalia Hall, Chicago, IL (*Cat Tongue*)
- Brain Frame at the Printer's Ball*, Printer's Ball, Spudnik Prees, Chicago, IL (*with Lillie West*)
- Brain Frame: Explained*, Chicago Zine Fest, Columbia College, Chicago, IL (*Banana Glove Game*)
- 2013 *Detroit Brain Frame*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI (*Go Down*)
- Brain Frame 13*, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL (*Dream Home*)
- Brain Frame Lit*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL (*They Glistened*)

- Sex:Money:Race:Gender: The Ladydawers of Chicago*, Columbia College A+D Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Go Down*)
- Brooklyn Brain Frame*, Public Assembly, Brooklyn, NY (*Go Down*)
- CUFF After Party w/ Alma Negra, Low On High*, Township, Chicago, IL (*Banana Glove Game*)
- Hysteria! Visualizing Female Anxiety*, Templehead Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Go Down*)
- Brain Frame 11*, Happy Dog Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Banana Glove Game*)
- 2012 *Brain Frame 7*, Happy Dog Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Recent Days*)
- With Xina Xurner, Night Terror, Gel Set*, The Burlington, Chicago, IL (*Go Down*)
- CAKE Fundraiser*, Mortville, Chicago, IL (*Night City*)
- Brain Frame 4*, Happy Dog Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Go Down*)
- 2011 *Land Line Brunch Benefit*, Roxaboxen, Chicago, IL (*Mr. Square at the Pit of Despair*)
- Brain Frame 3*, Happy Dog Gallery, Chicago, IL (*They Glistened*)
- With Justin Clifford Rhody, Kristy Lawless, Gel Set, Landscaping*, The Bank, Chicago, IL (*They Glistened*)
- Brain Frame 2*, Happy Dog Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Night City*)
- Brain Frame 1*, Happy Dog Gallery, Chicago, IL (*Eat A Dick, Blue Moon, A Conversation with the Artist*)
- Ear Eater 7*, Private residence, Chicago, IL (*They Glistened*)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Chicago Comics: Future Forward*, Buddy Gallery at the Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Lumpen Comics Issue Release Show*, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *DIY/XX*, Ralph Arnold Fine Arts Annex, Chicago, IL
- In Print: Art Zines + Small Press*, Work: Detroit, Detroit, MI
- 2013 *AAIEEE!* (with Trubble Club), John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- Little Man Pee Pool Party: The Whiz Paddler's Lament*, Antena, Chicago, IL
- Saturday Strip: Comics Day* (with Trubble Club), the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
- Sex:Money:Race:Gender: the Ladydrawers of Chicago*, Columbia College A+D Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Reading Room*, Chicago Zine Fest, Chicago, IL
- Vital Signs and Moving Pictures*, I Am Logan Square, Chicago, IL
- Lumpen Comics Issue Release Show*, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Afterimage* (with Trubble Club), DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *CartoonInk!*, SAIC Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
- Object Relations*, SAIC Flaxman Library, Chicago, IL

2010 IASD Dream Art Exhibition - *Earth Dreaming*, Wyndham-O'Hare Hotel, Chicago, IL

FILMS

2017 *Uzi's Party*, 30min, color, sound, 16mm
2016 *remember / this / feeling*, 9min in three parts, color, sound, digital video
2011 *Untitled (Times For)*, with Ross Meckfessel, 3min, color, silent, Super 8mm
The Mystic, 8min, color, sound, 16mm
2010 *House Fuck*, 6min, color, sound, 16mm
2009 *For My Psychopomp*, 10min, B&W, sound, S8mm and 16mm on MiniDV

PUBLISHED WORK

2023 "Pleasure Hex Issue #5," *Self-published*
"Ritual within Teen Creative Agency: A Brief Overview," *Museum Teen Programs How-To Kit*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
2022 "Goo Walker," 4 / M, *Tim Nolas*, Vienna, Austria
"Pleasure Hex Issue #4," *Self-published*
2021 "Pleasure Hex Issue #3," *Self-published*
2020 "Pleasure Hex Issue #2," *Self-published*
"Pleasure Hex Issue #1," *Self-published*
2016 "Do Not Fear The Darkness: Tips and Tricks for Standing Strong in the Face of the Unfathomable," *Self-published*
"Possession Scenes Issue #7: Lifeforce," *Self-published*
"Cat Tongue," *The Lifted Brow #29*
2015 "Magic Chats Advertisement," *Lumpen Magazine #126*
"Possession Scenes Issue #6: The Tenant," *Self-published*
"Brain Frame Yearbook," *Self-published*
2014 "Possession Scenes Issue #5: Alucarda, la Hija de las Tineiblas," *Self-published*
"Papa Neon," *Believed Behavior Season 2*
"Possession Scenes Issue #4: The Mask," *Self-published*
2013 "Possession Scenes Issue #3: Possession," *Self-published*
"Strained Piss," *Corpus Corpus #5 Little Man Pee Party*
"Possession Scenes Issue #2: Twin Peaks Episode 14: Lonely Souls," *Self-published*
"Possession Scenes Issue #1: The Exorcist," *Self-published*
"Copulate," *Self-published*
"The Cove," *Paradise Lost*
"Banana Glove Game," *Lumpen Magazine #119*
2012 "Ladydrawers: Funny Because It's True" with Anne Elizabeth Moore, *Truthout*
"Blue Moon" and "Why Don't We Do It In The Road," *CAKE Anthology*

- 2011 "Go Down," *Chromazoid #1*
 "Mr. Square at the Pit of Despair," *The Land Line Issue 1*
 "They Glistened," *Red Lightbulbs Issue 4*
 "Compiled: Comix by Lyra Hill 2008-2010," *Self-published*
 "Are You Lonesome Tonight?," *Self-published*
 "Dock Ellis," *Self-published*
 "Merry Christmas Bike Accident," *Self-published*
- 2010 "What is Dis Pear," *Pop Serial #2*
- 2008 "Eat A Dick," *Self-published*

CURATION AND EVENT ORGANIZATION

- 2017-present *MULTI CULT*, ritual variety show. Founder, curator, performer, emcee.
- 2015-present *Magic Chats*, interview podcast exploring sounds that move people. Producer, host, and editor.
- 2016 *Nothing Up My Sleeve: An Augmented Magic Show*, avant-garde variety show exploring new media collaborations with artists of diverse disciplines at DADS, Chicago, IL. Co-curator and emcee.
- 2015 *SLEEPER: an Experimental Haunted House*, immersive participatory experience at Experimental Sound Studio, Chicago, IL. Concept, co-curator, co-producer, and performer.
- 2011-2014 *Brain Frame*, performative comics reading series. Founder, organizer, and emcee.
- 2014 *Brooklyn Brain Frame 2*, performative comics reading in association with the Brooklyn Zine Fest at Brooklyn Historical Society, Brooklyn, NY. Organizer and emcee.
- CAKE Frame 2*, fundraiser and comics reading for CAKE. Organizer, auctioneer, and emcee.
- Brain Frame Lit 2*, performative comics reading by daylight at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Organizer and emcee.
- Brain Frame: Explained*, lecture and comics reading at the Chicago Zine Fest. Organizer, speaker, performer, and emcee.
- 2013 *Detroit Brain Frame*, performative comics reading at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit. Organizer, performer, and emcee.
- Brain Frame Lit*, performative comics reading by daylight at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. Organizer, performer, and emcee.
- Brooklyn Brain Frame*, performative comics reading in association with the Brooklyn Zine Fest at Public Assembly, Brooklyn, NY. Organizer, performer, and emcee.

- Cake Frame*, fundraiser and comics reading for CAKE. Co-organizer, auctioneer, and emcee.
- 2012 *Brain Trubble*, comics reading with Trubble Club and opening night party for CAKE. Co-organizer, performer, and emcee.
Films by Chris Langdon, film screening at the University of Chicago Film Studies Center. Co-organizer.
Chromazoid Release Party, fundraiser and book release for *Chromazoid #1*. Co-organizer and emcee.
- 2010-2011 *The Experimental Film Society*, 16mm film screening and workshop series. Co-curator and organizer.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016 “Best Urban Ritualist,” Newcity
Chicago Screen Gem, Newcity Film 50
- 2015 Top 5 Queer/Trans Dance Performances, Newcity (*for Moon Moods*)
- 2014 Chicago Screen Gem, Newcity Film 50
Special Guest, Chicago Zine Fest
- 2013 "The Performer," Chicago Reader People Issue
- 2011 SAIC Student Leadership Award
SAIC Fred J. Forster Fellowship Award
- 2010 IASD Dream Art Exhibition, First Prize

SPEAKING AND JUDGING

- 2024 Juror, MAP Fund, online
- 2016 Juror, Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Center on Halsted, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Visiting Artist, Latin High School (Instructor: James Joyce), Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist, Schurz High School (Instructor: Addie Price), Chicago, IL
Juror, Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Center on Halsted, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Guest, *All Of Them Witches*, Bell House, Brooklyn, NY, variety show hosted by Bonnie & Maude
Panelist, *More than Capes and Tights*, (Moderator: Elliott Serrano), Printer’s Row Lit Fest, Chicago, IL
Moderator, *Sequential Story Yelling*, (Panelists: Sean Christensen, Sara Drake, Otto Splotch), Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Center on Halsted, Chicago, IL
Guest, *Bonnie & Maude Episode #21: The Craft*, film podcast
Juror, Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Center on Halsted, Chicago, IL
Guest, *Twin Freaks Episode #6: Films of “Possession,”* film podcast
- 2013 Juror, URSCI Film Festival at Dominican University, River Forest, IL

- Panelist, *Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines*, post screening (Moderator: Alison Cuddy), Community Cinema, Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- Panelist, *Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines*, post screening, Chicago Filmmakers, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- Guest, *Bonnie & Maude Episode #10: Cabaret*, film podcast
- Juror, Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Center on Halsted, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Visiting Artist, Cinema & Art course at DePaul University (Instructor: Andy Roche), Chicago, IL
- Visiting Artist, Brickton Art Center (Instructor: William Bacarella), Park Ridge, IL
- Panelist, *Comics In Chicago: The Past Ten Years*, (Moderator: Edie Fake), Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- Juror, Chicago Alternative Comics Expo, Columbia University, Chicago, IL

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[<https://spektralquartet.com/blog/2020/2/8/perhaps-i-was-possessed-by-the-filman-interview-with-sir-lyra-hill>]
- 2017 "Investing in Belief: a Conversation with Lyra Hill" interview, *Sixty Inches from Center*, by Ida Cuttler
[<http://sixtyinchesfromcenter.org/investing-in-belief-a-conversation-with-lyra-hill/>]
- 2016 "On Lyra Hill" Lyra Hill: Three Performances review, *CATE blog*, by Lara Schoorl
[<http://blogs.saic.edu/cate/on-lyra-hill/>]
- 2014 "Cakes, Brains, and Comic Books" CAKE Frame 2 review, *South Side Weekly*, by Sarah Claypoole [<http://southsideweekly.com/cakes-brains-and-comic-books/>]
"Meanwhile... Lyra Hill" comic strip interview, *Bad At Sports*, by Sara Drake and Lyra Hill [<http://badatsports.com/2014/meanwhile-lyra-hill/>]
- 2013 "People Issue: The Performer" interview, *Chicago Reader*, by Peter Margasak
[<http://people2013.chicagoreader.com/arts-culture/lyra-hill/>]
"Detroit Brain Frame debuts at MOCAD" recap, *Knight Arts Foundation*
[<http://www.knightarts.org/community/detroit/detroit-brain-frame-debuts-at-mocad>]
"The never-duplicated weirdness of Brain Frame" feature, *Chicago Tribune*, by Christopher Borrelli

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"This is Your Brain on Comics" interview, *Frontier Psychiatrist*, by Andrew Hertzberg

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"Culture Vulture" Brain Frame feature, *Chicago Reader*, by Alexandra Ensign

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"Insane in the frame" Brooklyn Brain Frame preview, *The Brooklyn Paper*, by Colin Mixson

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Interview, *Lumpen* #119, by Joe Tallarico

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Brain Frame critical review, *Chicago Artist Writers*, by William Bacarella

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Interview and Brain Frame 5 review, *Make Space*, by Kelly Parsell

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