

Chalet Comellas

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ARTIST STATEMENT

Chalet Comellas is a new media artist working with text, electronics, video, and paint. Her interdisciplinary projects poetically weave together ideas on technology, collective consciousness, and shared experience. Employing a range of generative processes. Across disciplines and formats, her practice is an ongoing inquiry into authorship and agency. Rather than offering answers or resolved narratives, the work invites viewers into ambiguous spaces—where systems slip, meanings shift, and presence is both felt and questioned.

BIO

Chalet Comellas (b. Tampa, Florida) lives and works in Nashville, Tennessee, as an artist, educator, and independent curator. She holds an MFA from Florida State University and a BFA in Studio Art with a concentration in painting from the University of Tampa. Her works have been exhibited nationally and internationally in museums and galleries including the Frist Art Museum, TN, Boca Raton Museum of Art, FL, Tampa Museum of Art, FL, Albany Museum of Art, GA, and the Doral Contemporary Art Museum, FL, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn, NY. Flashpoint Gallery, Washington, D.C., Acadiana Center for the Arts, for P.S. Satellites: A Project of Prospect 4 New Orleans, LA, Goodyear Arts, Charlotte, NC, Terrain Exhibitions for the Terrain Biennial, Oak Park, IL, Co-Prosperity, Chicago, IL, Joyce Goldstein Gallery, NY, Zeitgeist, TN, Space 204 at Vanderbilt University, TN, Repeater Room, Belgrade, Serbia, Modfellow, TN and Tiger Strikes Asteroid, SC. Comellas has been the recipient of professional grants, awards, and artist residencies, including Faculty-in-Residence at FSU's Facility for Arts Research and Visiting Artist-in-Residence at Vanderbilt University. She has several works in public and private collections including Soho House Nashville and the TGH Collection in Florida. In addition to her studio practice, Comellas is an educator and co-founder of Unrequited Leisure, a collaborative curatorial project focused on new media art and visual culture. Comellas' projects have been reviewed or featured in The Brooklyn Rail, Number Inc. Magazine, Art Spiel, BURNAWAY, The Program, Art in America's Art & Tech Newsletter, Chronogram, Nashville Scene, Style Weekly, The Tennessean, Orlando Sentinel, and the Tampa Bay Times.

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EDUCATION

2012 MFA, Interdisciplinary Art, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
2001 BFA, Studio Arts, University of Tampa, Tampa, FL

EXHIBITIONS

2026

Frist Art Museum, Shimmer: Dreaming the Post Human, Nashville, TN
Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Media Swamp: New Media in the South, Greenville, SC
Björkö Konstnod, Ateljérundan 2026, Stockholm, Sweden
Modfellows, Hello Dreamer, **(solo)** Artsy, Online

2025

Modfellows, Into the Field **(two-person show)**, Nashville, TN
Nashville International Airport - BNA, **(solo)**
Elephant Gallery, The Unbannable Library, Nashville, TN
LABspace, Holiday, Hillsdale, NY

2024

Repeater Room, YOLA+, Belgrade, Serbia
Co-Prosperity, In Concert with Jen de los Reyes, Chicago, IL
Joyce Goldstein Gallery, HORIZON LINE, Chatham, NY

2023

Zeitgeist Gallery, **(Solo)** Can I see like a planet? and other questions for chatbots, Nashville, TN
Space 204, Shaman in the Loop, **(solo)** Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Stove Works, Éramos Semillas / We Were Seeds, Chattanooga, TN

2022

Joseph Gross Gallery, Delivery Systems, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
KSU Gallery, Power of Print: Tracked Prints // Layered Sounds, Kent State University, Kent, OH
Elephant Gallery, The Leftovers, Nashville, TN
CëGallery, The Sacral Project, Nashville, TN
OZ Arts Nashville, Kindling Arts Festival + Defy Film Festival: Heroic Couplets, Nashville, TN
Ferman Center for the Arts, Subsequent Layers, University of Tampa, Tampa, FL

2021

Terrain Exhibitions, Terrain Biennial 2021, K.I.T., Oak Park, IL
Terminal Gallery, **(solo)** Moving in Spatial Limbo, Clarksville, TN
Atrium Video Gallery, Dancing at Intersections, Bloomsburg, PA
Centro Cultural UCAB, Miami New Media Festival, Caracas, Venezuela
Cielito Tinto, Miami New Media Festival, San Cristóbal, Venezuela
Center for Fine the Arts, Miami New Media Festival, Ateneo, de Maracaibo, Venezuela
Philadelphia Media Arts Encounter, Nomadic Street Projections, Philadelphia, PA

2020

Doral Contemporary Art Museum, Miami New Media Festival, Miami, FL
Laundromat Art Gallery, Miami New Media Festival, Miami, FL
Museo Archeologico di Olbia, Miami New Media Festival, Cerdeña, Italy
Cas di Cultura, Miami New Media Festival, Oranjestad, Aruba
airWG, Miami New Media Festival, Amsterdam, Netherlands
LAB space, Space Case: Making a case for artist-run spaces, Hillsdale, NY
Goodyear Arts, Subcendent and so on, Charlotte, NC

2019

Albany Museum of Art, Educators as Artists, Albany, GA
Museum of Fine Arts, FSU Faculty Exhibition, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

2018

Haas Gallery, Comma Room, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA
Facility for Arts Research, Moving Bodies - Moving Images, Tallahassee, FL
Happy Motoring, Comma box Vol. 2, Fragments, Tallahassee, FL
Museum of Fine Arts, FSU Faculty Exhibition, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

2017

ArtFields, Movement in Place, Lake City, SC
1708 Gallery, InLight Richmond 2017, Juror, Nat Trotman, Richmond, VA
621 Gallery, **(solo)** Chalet Comellas: Assembly Is Required: FOOD, Tallahassee, FL
Acadiana Center for the Arts, P.S. Satellites: A Project of Prospect New Orleans: ART I-10, Lafayette, LA
Toronto Art Book Fair, The Common Table, Toronto, Canada
Murmur Media, Atlanta Zine Fest, Atlanta, GA
Shoebox Projects, HUDDLE, Los Angeles, CA
Tempus Projects, Little Triggers, Tampa, FL
The Press at Colorado College, Amply & Multiply, Colorado Springs, CO
Museum of Fine Arts, FSU Faculty Exhibition, Tallahassee, FL

2016

Wolpert Gallery, **(solo)** Working Memory, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
1708 Gallery, InLight Richmond 2016, Juror, Ellina Kevorkian, Richmond, VA
Eyedrum, EMBODY EMBED INVOKE, Atlanta, GA
The Studio@620, BRAVA, St. Petersburg, FL
Museum of Fine Arts, FSU Faculty Exhibition, Tallahassee, FL

2015

Nesbitt Gallery, Systematic Attempts in Lyrical Arrangements, **(two-person show)** University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, OK
Museum of Fine Arts, FSU Faculty Exhibition, Tallahassee, FL
PORTSPACE, Assembly Is Required: WISH, Gulfport, FL

2014

Print St. Pete Studios, Assembly Is Required: ONWARD, Print St. Pete Studios, Gulfport, FL
1708 Gallery, InLight Richmond 2014, Juror, Denise Markonish, Richmond, VA
Flash Point Gallery, Variance / Invariance, with Judy Rushin and Christina Poindexter, Washington, D.C.
Museum of Fine Art, Making Now, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL

2013

Grace Exhibition Space, Continuous Action, a collaborative exhibition with Analog Analogue, Brooklyn, NY
621Gallery, Mudlark Report: Artist in Residence Exhibition, with Analog Analogue, Tallahassee, FL

2012

Grace Exhibition Space, INVASIONS OF THE SURREAL, CONTEMPORARY VISUAL PERFORMANCE, Fountain Art Fair, Miami, FL
621 Gallery, Knock on Wood, with Analog Analogue, Tallahassee, FL
Working Method Contemporary, FOCUS GROUP, with Analog Analogue, Tallahassee, FL

RESIDENCIES / AWARDS / GRANTS / HONORS

2024 Resident Artist, Arts Letters and Numbers, Artist Residency, NY
2022 Artist Residency Juror, Beneath the Surface, Artist Residency Juror, New Brunswick, CA
2020 Visiting Artist-In-Residence, Vanderbilt University, TN
2018 Top Prize, Juror's Award, Digital Media Category: ARTFIELDS, SC
2018 Faculty in Residence, Facility for Arts Research at Florida State University, FL
2017 Invited Juror, Tallahassee International, Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, FL
2013 Artist in Residence, Nan Boynton Residency, 621 Gallery, FL
2013 Invited Speaker, TEDx FSU, Digital Direction, Florida State University, FL
2009 Graduate Research Fellowship, Florida State University, FL

TEACHING

Austin Peay State University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2023 - 2024
Middle Tennessee State University, Adjunct Professor, 2020 - 2021
Vanderbilt University, Department of Art, Visiting Artist in Residence, Spring 2020
Department of Art, Florida State University, Assistant Professor, Specialized Teaching, 2015-2019
Department of Art, Florida State University, Adjunct Professor, 2012-2015

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

2025 Invited curator, The Wrong Biennial
2023-24 Jessye McDowell + Kelli Shay Hix, Future Folk: Superbia, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2023 Susan Jennings, DUET, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2023 Haru Sayso + Simon Tatum, The Seven Travelers, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2023 Disrupted Water Ways, Tahila Mintz, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2023 Needle in the Hay, Ellen Letcher + Julie Torres, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2022 Mediating, Vidya Giri + Maria Molteni, Co-curated with Clint Sleeper, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2022 Artifacts, Raheleh Filsoofi, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2022 Mary Addison Hackett, Anonymous was a Vlog, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2021 Clay Scofield: The play's the thing, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2021-22 AIR_(space) Projects, flagpole gallery, Nashville, TN
2020 Adjusting the Lens FEST!, Experimental Video and Film Fest, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2020 JPEGs (Joint Photographic Experts Group Show), with Clint Sleeper, Unrequited Leisure Online, Nashville, TN
2020 Future Framed Works, Group exhibition featuring: Liat Berdugo, Gabriella Torres-Ferrer, Rebecca Forstater, and Bahareh Khoshooee, with Clint Sleeper, Unrequited Leisure Online, Nashville, TN
2020 <i>also</i>tubes, featuring: Faith Holland, Amay Kataria, Everest Pipkin, Jeff Thompson, Lee Tussman, with Clint Sleeper, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2020 Anxious to Make, Collaborative exhibition featuring: Liat Berdugo and Emily Martinez, with Clint Sleeper, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
2020 Do Over, Group exhibition featuring: Alla Clarke, Carrie Fonder, Steve Giasson, Myriam Jacob-Allard, Julie

Lequin, Kelly Lloyd, and Nathaniel Wong, co-organized with Clint Sleeper, Didier Morelli, and Ariele Dionne-Krosnick, Good Sport Gallery, London, Ontario, CA

2019 What's so Funny About the End of the World?, Middle Tennessee State University, featuring: Patrick DeGuira, Craig Drennen, Lilian Garcia-Roig, Kristi Hargrove, Ron Lambert, Judy Rushin, and Clint Sleeper

2019 Terra Nullius, Christopher Kardambikis, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Hystronics, Two-person exhibition featuring, Eleanor Aldrich and Guen Montgomery, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Adjusting the Lens: PLAY, experimental video screening, with Clint Sleeper, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Critical Distance, Solo exhibition featuring, Carolina Cleere," Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Re: tracing, Solo Exhibition featuring, Kelly Hider, Unrequited Leisure, TN

2019 This is Madness: A Proof, Solo Exhibition featuring Carolyn Henne, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Frameworks, Collective exhibition featuring the works ILSSA union members, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Act IV Scene, III, Solo Exhibition featuring Craig Drennen, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Judy Rushin Wears Weelsee Wen, Solo Exhibition featuring Judy Rushin, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Do Over, Group exhibition featuring: Allana Clarke, Carrie Fonder, Steve Giasson, Myriam Jacob-Allard, Julie Lequin, Kelly Lloyd, and Nathaniel Wong, co-organized with Clint Sleeper, Didier Morelli, and Ariele Dionne-Krosnick, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 PRINT+SYSTEMS+SOUND, Group Exhibition featuring: John C. Kelley, Sam King, Abigail Lucien, and Elysia Mann, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 A Beautiful Mess, Group exhibition featuring: Karen Brooks, Chris Simpson, and Jim DeVault, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Adjusting the Lens: FSU, Experimental film screening; George Jenne, Julietta Cheung, Peter Whittenberger, Justin Lincoln, Monica Cook, Toby Kaufmann-Buhler, Alma Leiva, Kelly Sears, Jason Bernagozzi, with Clint Sleeper, Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL

2019 Adjusting the Lens: PERFORM, Experimental film screening; Julietta Cheung, Rah Eleh, George Jenne, Lydia Moyer, Stephen Nachtigall, and Jordan Vinyard, with Clint Sleeper Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2019 Disagreeable Giver, Solo exhibition, Marc Mitchell, Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN

2018 By Virtue of Place, Group exhibition featuring: Nick Collier, Elizabeth DiDonna, Amy Fleming, Becki Rutta, Alejandro Simon, co-curated with Christina Poindexter, Marco Island Center for the Arts, Marco Island, FL