

Lex R. Thomas they/them

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Lex R. Thomas (b. 1996) is a multidisciplinary contemporary artist based in Lafayette, Louisiana. Through painting, installation, and curatorial practice, their work explores the psychological landscape of human experience, examining memory, identity, grief, and transformation. Thomas has exhibited throughout Louisiana and their work has been recognized in regional and national juried exhibitions. **Based in Lafayette, LA.**

Solo & Duo Exhibitions

2023

Wildflowers (Solo Exhibition) | Alamo Artist Studios, Lafayette, LA

Lex R. Thomas and Scott Finch | Frameworks Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA

The Human Condition (Solo Exhibition) | Gallery R, Lafayette, LA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

Side By Side / Piece By Peace (Juried by Anna Kojevnikov, Claire J. Amy, Clare Cook, Sami Parbhoo & Yael

Gronner) | NUNU Arts & Culture Collective, Arnaudville, LA

2025

Eye of the Beholder (Juried, Special Award) | Lafayette Art Association, Lafayette, LA

NEXT PHASE | Fletcher Hall Gallery, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Our Point in Space (Juried) | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Main Gallery, Lafayette, LA

CORRESPONDANCE | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, La

2024

Systems | ARCHIVES Exhibitions, Lafayette, LA

(un)common (Curated by Bethany LeJeune) | Basin Arts, Lafayette, LA

Fierté de la Louisiane | Creative Exchange, Ruston, LA

2023/2024 Artist Award Reception | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA

61st Annual Juried Competition (Juried by Kerry Inman) | Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA

2023

Link Rot | LoudHouse, Lafayette, LA

Cur Non (Juried by Camille Farrah Lenain) | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Main Gallery Lafayette, LA

Assez / Enough (Curated by Bethany LeJeune) | Basin Arts, Lafayette, LA

2022

Eye of the Beholder (Juried) | Lafayette Art Association, Lafayette, LA

12 x 12 SPARK Exhibition | Fletcher Hall Gallery, Lafayette, LA

Artwalk Group Exhibition | The Hallway Gallery, Lafayette, LA

Awards & Grants

2025

Special Award, *Eye of the Beholder* | Lafayette Art Association, Lafayette, LA

2023

ArtSpark Individual Artist Grant | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA

Performances

2024

Window Wanderings | Choreographed by Clare Cook

Presented by Basin Arts, supported by the Louisiana Project Grant

Emergence | Directed by Lex R. Thomas and Bethany LeJeune

Performed by Lex R. Thomas

2023

A Resting Place for Pussies | Directed by Paige Barnett

Performed by Paige Barnett, Lex R. Thomas, and Alexis Young

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2025

Root | The Hallway Gallery, Lafayette, LA

Presented by ARCHIVES Exhibitions.

whimsy | The Hallway Gallery, Lafayette, LA

Presented by ARCHIVES Exhibitions.

BOUNDARIES | The Hallway Gallery, Lafayette, LA

Presented by ARCHIVES Exhibitions.

2024

Systems | Chase Tower, Lafayette, LA

Presented by ARCHIVES Exhibitions.

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

2025

How to Survive Install | Fletcher Hall Gallery, Lafayette, LA

Presented by ARCHIVES Exhibitions.

Figure Drawing Night | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA

Presented by ARCHIVES Exhibitions & Creative Acadiana.

2024

Artists in Conversation: How I Got Gallery Representation | Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA

Presented by Creative Acadiana. Speakers: Lex R. Thomas and Troy Dugas

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Articles & Features

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Dickens, Shanna. "A New Platform in Lafayette Envisions a Better Ecosystem for the Arts."

Country Roads Magazine, May 21, 2025.

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Acadiana Advocate, April 24, 2023.

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Interviews

"Archives Presents: Boundaries." *Après-Midi*, KRVS Interview, April 8, 2025.

"LoudHouse × ARCHIVES Exhibitions." *Après-Midi*, KRVS Interview, September 24, 2024.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Acadiana Center for the Arts | Executive Assistant | 2024–2025

Supported organizational operations, exhibitions, artist services, grant administration, and public programming at one of Louisiana's leading multidisciplinary arts organizations.

ARCHIVES Exhibitions | Co-founder & Strategist | 2025–2026

Co-founded a contemporary exhibition platform supporting emerging artists through curated exhibitions, public programming, and collaborative arts initiatives throughout South Louisiana.

Ahnvee Photography | Photographer Assistant | 2022–Present

2026

Muralist Assistant | Dirk Guidry Art Studio, Lafayette, LA

Children's Museum of Acadiana Public Art Project

2025

Muralist Assistant | Dirk Guidry Art Studio, Youngsville, LA

Katharine Drexel Early Childhood Education Center Public Art Project

2024

Project Coordinator | LoudHouse Projects, Lafayette, LA

ARCHIVES × LOUDHOUSE

Preparator | Hilliard Art Museum, Lafayette, LA

Sitting with George Rodrigue

EVERY | WHERE: Beili Liu

Fundamento De Palo Monte: Ana Mendieta

Bending Lines: Robert Wiggs

2023

Preparator | Hilliard Art Museum, Lafayette, LA

South Arts 2022 State Fellowship Exhibition

Art Handler | Basin Arts, Lafayette, LA

EDUCATION

2020

Arizona State University

Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Concentration in Research Methods

summa cum laude

2014-2016

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Arts (36 credit hours completed)

Concentration in Animation