

CHARVEL RAPPOS

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SUMMARY

I am Charvel Rappos, a queer and non-binary self-taught artist living and working between Kijipuktuk (*Halifax*) and Tiohtià:ke (*Montreal*). For the past decade I have been involved in the DIY (do-it-yourself) and, more recently, the improvisational arts and music community in Kijipuktuk, learning and teaching about art and organization through community building and collaboration, specifically through Radstorm Community Arts Centre, the Creative Music Workshop community, and Wonder'neath Arts Society. I am temporarily residing in Tiohtià:ke so I can explore new groups engaged in collective arts, new opportunities to show my work, and meet other artists who will expand my understanding of art and its place as a potential force in the world.

My work is focused on the utility of art as a method of questioning and re-imagining reality, a desire developed through work organizing collective spaces and desiring more joyfully painful and fulfilling experiences for my community. From this, my work purposefully stems from a wide range of approaches; illustration and comic art, painting, collective organizing, writing, carpentry, print-making, animation, sign-painting, sculpture, collaboration, textiles, sound-art and beyond; these have together developed a practice that is primarily focused on process flux, mimicry and denial, and striving for the penultimate point of border dissolution, both conceptually and practically.

I am infatuated with the potential of collective action and the ability to alter circumstance through chance encounters and adaptation in unpredictable environments, and therefore my work attempts to both bring people together and develop their, and my own, ever-morphing identity. To do so, I find myself focused on the edges, confronting ideas of transition, contradiction, scale, form, brand, and iconography, questioning what makes something itself, and therefore answering how it could be anything but.

EDUCATION

2022 **Diploma in Carpentry** Nova Scotia Community College, Dartmouth, NS.

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

2020 **Granted** Eyelevel, *Major Project Grant* for *Son, Dog*.

2018 **Awarded** Centre for Art Tapes Media Arts Scholarship for *Lapse*.

2010 **Winner** Pineridge Arts Council Sponsor's Award of Excellence, Pickering, ON.

EXHIBITIONS & SELECTED PERFORMANCES

2025 **Group Performance**, (upcoming in June) Pantomime Horse Competition (with Alex Apostolidis/*I Want 2 Be On TV*) for Suoni Per Il Popolo festival at The Van Horne Underpass, Montreal, QC.

2025 **Group Performance**, (upcoming in June) FOOD FIGHT: A Battle of The Bands Telethon Against Food Insecurity (with Alex Apostolidis/*I Want 2 Be On TV*) for Lawnya Vawnya Festival at The Space, St. John's, NFLD.

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2024 **Group Exhibition**, *Pathways*, Outdoor Exhibition (curated by Nick Chapman/AC World Press), Halifax, NS.

2024 **Group Exhibition**, *FINAL DAYS/LIQUIDATION SALE* (curated and participated in by Charvel Rappos), Radstorm, Halifax, NS.

2024 **Group Exhibition**, *FREE MEAT* with Bijan Ramezani (curated by Pam Corell), Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, Halifax, NS.

2024 **Group Exhibition**, *Found Objects* (curated by Gavin Snow), Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, NS.

2022 **Group Exhibition**, *Don't Reach Out* curated and participated in by Charvel Rappos), 5440 North, Halifax, NS.

2019 **Group Exhibition & Sale**, *Shine In The Dark*, Eyelevel, Halifax, NS.

2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Lapse* Screening at the *Animation Festival of Halifax*, Halifax, NS.

2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Hypermedia Paradise (final show for Media Arts Scholarship participants)*, Centre For Art Tapes, Halifax, NS

2021 **Theatrical Performance (Duet)**, *Mrs. Her*, Radstorm, Halifax, NS.

PUBLICATIONS

2025 (In Process) **Computer Clock Robot Boss** comic, illustrator & editor, written by Eris S. Nyx and Chat GPT. Published by *Incidental Press*, Vancouver BC.

2023 **The Unbearable Light** group comic with David Champion, illustrator & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

2023 **I Don't Do Comics #10** comic anthology, illustrator. Published by *I Don't Do Comics*, Canada.

2022 **Breakfast At Stalin's #2** comic, illustrator & editor, written by Eris S. Nyx. Published by *Incidental Press*, Vancouver, BC.

2021 **Breakfast At Stalin's** comic, illustrator & editor, written by Eris S. Nyx. Published by *Incidental Press*, Vancouver, BC.

2021 **Out Of Order** comic anthology, illustrator & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

2021 **Goop Girl** group comic with Petra Seglins and Shea Osborne, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

2021 **Will You Write Me A Poem** contributor. Published by Jenny Shui and Shane Song, Halifax, NS.

2019 **Son Dog I** zine, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

2019 **Son Dog II** zine & graphic score, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

2019 **We Are Machine** zine, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

2018 **Frequent Dreams** zine, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.

- 2018 **This Could Be That** zine, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.
- 2018 **Instant Art** zine, illustrator, author & editor. Self-published, *Radstorm*, Halifax, NS.
- 2016 **Radical Planning** group zine, editor & contributor. Self-published, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS.

SELECTED COMMISSIONS

- 2025 **Posters** Shame Festival (Vancouver's Alternate Pride Festival) - 5 event posters
- 2024 **Album Cover** India Gailey - *Problematica*
- 2023-4 **Album Covers** Pact - *Survive (single, 2023)*, *Dani (single, 2023)*, *S/T (album, 2024)*
- 2022 **Album Cover** Townie - *Is It That Time Already?*
- 2021 **Book Cover** Eris S. Nyx- *Eristocracy*
- 2021 **Album Cover** Dustblaster - *Schism*
- 2021 **Artist Logo** Crisis Party
- 2020 **Album Cover** Matty Grace - *Rumination Year*
- 2019-2021 **Art Kit Instructions** Wonder'neath Art Society. Created ~15 weekly illustrated instruction sheets for Wonder'neath's COVID-friendly Art Kit distribution.

Selection of additional poster design & printing for artists and events:

Puffer/Juice/Blimp/The Heterosexuals/Brute (concert) (2025), *Ky Band/Yoo Doo Right/Rume Kover (concert) (2024)*, *Joyful Joyful/New Hermitage (concert) (2023)*, *Jim E. Brown/Yep/Funbone (concert) (2023)*, *A. Laurel Laurence/Pang/Alina Jacobs/Noa Jacques (concert) (2023)*, *Bleep In The Dark featuring: Vestral/Dead Labour/Hi-Tack/Maury Chesterfield (concert) (2023)*, *1313/Creative Music Workshop (Creative Process Workshop Series) (2022)*, *Blessed/Century Egg/Motherhood (concert) (2023)*, *New Hermitage (Scored Silent Film) (2022)*, *DULF "Dope On Arrival" Campaign (2022)*, *Halifax Anarchist Bookfair (2022)*, *Yoo Doo Right/Motherhood/Layia (concert) (2022)*, *Big Shows in Small Spaces (concert series) (2020)*, *H De Heutz/USSE/Budi/Secretary (2018)*

TALKS

- 2025 **Speaker & Facilitator** (upcoming in June) Artist to Artist talk with Alex Apostolidis, Fleapit Cinema, Halifax, NS.
- 2024 **Speaker** RAPPOS*RAMEZANI, Artist talk for *FREE MEAT*, Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, Halifax, NS.
- 2021 **Speaker** *We Regret to Inform You...*, The Centre for Art Tapes, Halifax, NS.
- 2021 **Speaker** Artist talk for *Son*, Dog Residency, Eyelevel, Halifax, NS.

TEACHING

- Ongoing **Facilitator & Instructor** Monthly instructor at Inkstorm Screenprinting Collective, Halifax, NS.
- Ongoing **Facilitator & Instructor** Regular facilitator & instructor at Sadrad Music Collective, Halifax, NS.
- 2018-2024 **Facilitator** Wonder'neath Arts Society drop-in arts programming, Halifax, NS.

SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- The Talking Wall Design & Painting Sign, window & mural painter, Dartmouth, NS.
- Black Rock Books, graphic novel & comic distributor, Halifax, NS.
- Incidental Press, publisher & distributor, Vancouver, BC.
- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Arts Instructor & Facilitator, Halifax, NS.
- Wonder'neath Arts Society Arts Instructor & Facilitator, Halifax, NS.
- Radstorm Community Arts & Resource Centre Steering Committee & General member, Halifax, NS.
- Last Chants Studio Member, Halifax, NS.