



Kalman Pool (b.1996, China) is an interdisciplinary artist whose practice explores the intersection of inflatable sculpture, invented language systems, and virtual ecology. Drawing from speculative biology, Buddhist cosmology, and synthetic materials, his work examines how life, language, and identity may evolve in a post-gravity, post-human future.

Trained at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (BFA) and the Royal College of Art in London (MA in Painting), Pool creates immersive environments that merge virtual forms with hand-fabricated inflatables, UV-reactive installations, and custom hieroglyphic systems. His ongoing project, *Luminous Opera*, is a fictional language-based universe realized through glowing shrines, floating glyphs, and spatial writing—where symbols are not read but felt.

Kalman's large-scale works often begin in VR and are translated into physical bodies through labor-intensive stitching of bespoke TPU/PVC forms. These sealed, air-breathing structures—fragile yet monumental—challenge the boundaries between organic and synthetic, permanence and decay.

His work has been exhibited internationally at the Balloon Museum (London, Düsseldorf, Brussels, San Francisco), Saatchi Gallery (London), Christie's (London), and Jupiter Museum of Art (Shenzhen), and commissioned by Lincoln China, Swatch and Hennessy V.S.O.P. He is a former artist-in-residence at the Swatch Art Peace Hotel and PLOP London.

As both artist and system-builder, Kalman Pool is constructing a future mythology—where inflatable creatures, invented scripts, and coded rituals converge into a new kind of cosmology: alive, adaptive, and written in breath.

CV

Lives and works in Shenzhen, China, and London (b. 1996, CN)

Education

2021, MA Painting, Royal College of Art, London, UK

2019, BFA, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, US

Solo Exhibitions

2023

Liminal Odysseys, Jupiter Museum of Art, Shenzhen, China

2022

Feng Shui Fish Pond, Loop Fine Art, Guangzhou, China

2021

Unbearable Lightness, Duende Art Museum, Shunde, China

KALMAN POOL (Residency project), Jupiter Museum of Art, Shenzhen, China

Mutation, Red Gate Gallery, Beijing, China

New Tales Retold, iag Gallery (curated by The Magnetic Project), TX Huaihai, Shanghai, China

Group Exhibitions

2025

Emotion Air, Balloon Museum, Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco, US

WonderFac, áunn museum & Fibre Shanghai, T2m, Foshan, China

2024

Emotion Air, Balloon Museum, Brussels Expo, Brussels, Belgium

Emotion Air, Balloon Museum, Glasmacher Vierte, Düsseldorf, Germany

OOP Fest, Seoul, South Korea

2023

Emotion Air, Balloon Museum, Old Billingsgate, London, UK

Yes we CAN: City, Art and Nature, The Swatch Art Peace Hotel x Miguel de Cervantes Library, Shanghai, China

Christie's Lates: The Year of the Rabbit, Christie's, London, UK

2022

The Pump House, Berntson Bhattacharjee Gallery, London, UK

Les Animaux modèles, Royal Over-Seas League, London, UK

ME & CITY, Chun Art Museum, Shanghai, China

Countdown Series 4, Red Gate Gallery, Beijing, China

In the narrative of her, Powerlong Art Center, Nanjing, China

Metamorphosis, Yi Contemporary Art Center, Guangzhou, China

Welcome To The Jungle, Haihui Modern Art Museum, Zhengzhou, China

OUT OF HAND, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Solomons, US

2021

London Grads Now. 21, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

Kristallisierte Bewegung, Galerie KUB, Leipzig, Germany

Avatar: My Metaverse, Hanshan Art Museum, Suzhou, China

EGO×RE'VAN, Epoch Art Museum, Wenzhou, China

Upstream, The Research House for Asian Art, Chicago, US

Hot Air, Manor Place Warehouse (curated by BAD ART PRESENTS), London, UK

RCA MA Painting 2021 Graduate Show, Cromwell Place, London, UK

Remixing Dream, Sifang Art Museum, Nanjing, China

New Trend Power, Jupiter Museum of Art, Shenzhen, China

2020

Digital Humanity, MOW Museum of Waste, Changsha, China

Time Perception: Through Images and Installations, Coutts Art Center (curated by The Magnetic Project), Shanghai, China

Counter Point, RCA Courtyard Gallery, London, UK

2019

Melon Cauli, Asylum Chapel, London, UK

Playground V2, Venue MOT Unit 18, London, UK

2016

Technical Images, Elastic Arts Foundation, Chicago, US

2015

The Museum: Within and Without, State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Artist Residency

2024

PLOP Artist Residency, London, UK

2021

Swatch Art Peace Hotel Artist Residency, Shanghai, China

Jupiter Museum of Art Artist Residency, Shenzhen, China

2020

PLAN8T AIR, Changsha, China

Selected Commissions

2023

Voyage, Balloon Museum Global Tour

Weavvy 海宇, Lincoln Pavilion at the Auto Shanghai 2023, Shanghai, China

Fantastical Encounters–Hennessy V.S.O.P Roadshow, Guangzhou, Shanghai, and Aranya, China.

2021

SWATCH X YOU Artist Watch Series, Swiss National Pavilion, Hainan EXPO, Haikou, China

Press

International & English Media

- [*The 'Absolute and Infinite' Art of Kalman Pool*](#), Raddi China, Jan 2022
- [*Dynamic Virtue & Vibrant Aliveness of Inflated Dummies & Digital Pieces*](#), DareClan, Jun 2022
- [*Imagination Returns to Auto Shanghai 2023*](#), Little Black Book, May 2023
- [*Bringing Four Automotive Clients to Auto Shanghai 2023*](#), Imagination, Apr 2023
- [*Blow Up: Art As Inflatable*](#), The Quietus, Jul 2021
- [*A Conversation with Kalman*](#), UNI Arts Network, 2023
- [*LION KING featured on Financial Times*](#), Financial Times, Jul 2022
- [*LION KING featured on FAD Magazine*](#), FAD Magazine, Aug 2022

Exhibitions (Chinese Translated)

- [*Hidden World in a Fashion Landmark – Future Art Space*](#), National Geographic Traveler China, 2023
- [*Liminal Odysseys – Solo Show at Jupiter Museum*](#), Sohu, Apr 2023
- [*Liminal Odysseys – Jupiter Residency Exhibition*](#), Artron News, Oct 2023
- [*Extraterrestrial Companions – Immersive Odyssey*](#), Sohu News, Apr 2023
- [*New Generation Artist Kalman Pool – Sensory Cosmology*](#), Sohu Auto, Apr 2023
- [*An Immersive Odyssey – Kalman Pool's Solo Exhibition*](#), Southern Metropolis Daily, May 2023
- [*The Unbearable Lightness: Early Solo Show*](#), Southern Metropolis Daily, Oct 2021
- [*Jupiter Museum Artist Residency*](#), Shenzhen News, Aug 2021

Swatch Collaboration

- [*Swatch x You – Artist Series at China Expo*](#), TrueArt, 2021
- [*Swatch Artist Watch: Symbolic Language Design*](#), Swatch Official WeChat, 2021
- [*Swatch x Kalman Pool Collaboration Post*](#), Swatch Weibo, 2021

Hennessy VSOP Collaboration

- [*Fantasy Space: Guangzhou Stop*](#), Hennessy Official, Jul 2023
- [*Rediscovering Chinese Flavor: Roadshow Launch*](#), Sohu Auto, Jul 2023
- [*Hennessy Fantasy Space in Shanghai*](#), NetEase News, Jul 2023
- [*Fantasy Space: Artist Collaboration Highlight*](#), OnsiteClub, Jul 2023

Lincoln Collaboration at Auto Shanghai 2023

- [*Weavvy 海宇: Immersive Landmark Installation*](#), AutoHome, Apr 2023
- [*Kalman Pool x Lincoln: Dreamlike Space*](#), AutoHome, Apr 2023
- [*Kalman Pool's Sea-Spirit Sculpture for Lincoln*](#), Sohu Auto, Apr 2023
- [*Nautilus Launch x Kalman Pool Installation*](#), NetEase News, Apr 2023
- [*Breaking the Boundary of Reality and Imagination*](#), Zhihu, Apr 2023