

Karissa Talanian • Los Angeles, CA

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Experienced and personable artist, organizer, and curator.

Lived and worked in Chicago, IL for over 15 years, relocated to Los Angeles in Spring, 2025.

Skills

Event management
Media production
Merch production
Graphic design
Talent buying
Music Programming
DJing - events & radio
Travel logistics
Shipping logistics
Print production
Fine arts
Drummer
(touring & studio)
Adobe suite
N5 Japanese proficiency

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, **The School of the Art Institute Of Chicago**, May 2013

Areas of study:

Fiber Arts
Graphic Design
Designed Objects
20th Century Art & Design Studies

Music Venue Operations

House Manager, **Sleeping Village**, August 2023 - May 2025

* Artist hospitality & settlement, stage managing, staff management

Front Of House Manager, **Thalia Hall**, March 2024 - September 2024

* FOH team lead in charge of guest experience

* Artist hospitality & settlement, stage managing, staff management

Venue Director & Lead Talent Buyer, **Cole's Bar**, July 2021 - August 2023

* Implementing and overseeing all venue operations including talent buying & event curation, calendar management, staffing, marketing, and design

Music Goods - Production & Sales

Owner/Operator, **Eye Vybe Records**, 2010 - present

* Hobbyist cassette label specializing in experimental music and reissues

Packaging, **Smashed Plastic Record Pressing**, Sept 2024 - May 2025

* QC for all units pressed, media production and logistics

Used Record Seller, January 2021 - present

* Working for reputable sellers **Sibylline Records** (Pasadena, CA) and

Nick D'Vyne (Chicago, IL), as well as selling independently

* Identifying & grading used records, selling via Discogs and eBay

* Helping to maintain 100.00% 5-star online customer ratings

* Packing and shipping orders by mail

Store clerk, **Reckless Records**, January 2014 - May 2015

* Handling all special orders, inventory management, shop clerk

Wedding & Events DJ

Groove Is In The Heart and **Toast & Jam**, July 2019 - November 2023

* DJing weddings and other special events, music curation, event planning

Service / Bar

Bartender, **The Salt Shed**, 5500/3300 capacity arena venue, 2023 - 2025

Bartender, **Cole's Bar**, 200 cap. neighborhood bar, 2015 - 2023

Bartender & barista, **Cafe Mustache**, 80 cap. performance space, 2016 - 2021

Visual Arts & Design

Graphic Design, **freelance**, 2008 - present

* Specialty in concert posters, album artwork, music merchandise, print layout design

Fine arts, **self**, 2005 - present

* Fiber arts, painting, drawing, textile design

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