Grace Saint

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Grace Saint is an avant-garde, contemporary Christian whose alternative darkroom setups and created sacred spaces transmogrify into chambers for both faith deconstruction and reconstruction. Non-denominational, non-binary and hermetically inspired they occupy the ambiguous ‘non’ space as a sacred act, echoing with a growing culture of people who are questioning institutional religion but still chanting in unison for spiritual resonance.

Traumatised, absurd, eccentric, Saint demonstrates and questions how seemingly controversial and irrational ideas and elements can fluidly coexist for the benefit of anyone that has felt ostracised by The Church. The work is for the rejected faithful, Christian-ish collectors of newly crafted sacred relics, pilgrims of enlightenment.

Having been approached by a vicar who suggested a calling to ministry, Saint questioned possibility of the traditional routes. Grace Saint the human-rat hybrid evolved into the leader of a Queer Christian RAT ART Ministry, often accompanied by The Monk Homunculus and a mischief of rats scurrying behind. Saint’s relationship with rats is a central aspect of the work embodying mistreatment, misunderstanding, mourning and the multifaceted relationships with the concept of the mother.

Saint’s practice reimagines religious mysticism, iconography and ritual, creating inclusive theatrical experiences for contemplation and healing which often culminate in immersive performative installations resulting in physical objects and artworks known as 'Relics'. The disciplines centre on performance and photograms, whilst spanning experimental video, haunting frottages and painted figures of man and rat. The works kneel under archetypal and symbolic narratives within Christian traditions in underground constructions of sacred spaces, deconsecrated buildings and thriving Christian places of worship.



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Selected Opportunities:
Artist in Residence at Union Church, Margate (3 months) 2026
Margate Pride BRINK Residency at Ark, Cliftonville 2024
Guest Lecturer at Food For Thought, Union Church, Margate 2024

Solo Exhibitions:
All Creatures Great & Small (Margate Pride Art Map) at Salon, Margate 2026 & Performance
40 Hours Devotion at Salon, Cliftonville 2025
40 Minutes Retrospective at la Cave, École Supérieure d'Art, Dunkerque 2025
The Darkroom at Gallery of Urban Symbolism, Margate 2024
Moments of Truth at Union Church, Margate 2024
The Ratacombs at The Cave 41a Hawley Square, Margate 2023

Selected Group Exhibitions:
Disclosure, at Pie Factory, Margate 4th-15th September
A Sense of Order (Margate Pride Art Map), at Lowlife, Margate 2026
Solitary Refinement, at Union Church, Margate (Margate Pride Art Map) 2026
Salut!, at Marie-Madeleine Church, Lille 2026
Festival of Cats, at Pie Factory, Margate 2026
Festival of Rats, at Don't Blink Gallery, Margate 2026
House Artists Show, at Sā, Cliftonville 2025
Summer Exhibition, at Raw Folk, Cliftonville (Margate Pride Art Map) 2025 & The Pied Piper Happening
Sanctuary & Revelation (Trio), at Union Church, Margate (Margate Pride Art Map) 2025 & Trans-cendence Performance Lecture
inertia au revoir! (Trio), at The Schwartzman Gallery, Margate 2025
Cabinet of Curiosities (Thanet Experimental), at Hold Creative Spaces, Ramsgate 2025
Lusus Naturae at The Old Post Office, Bath (Fringe Arts Bath) 2025
With A Strawberry In The Mouth Sound/Visual Performance Night (Headline) at The Margate School, Margate 2025
Sol/Sistere (Duo) at Urban Symbolism, Margate 2024
Antlers at Photobook Cafe, London 2024
Hidden (Trio) at The Basement, Gallery of Urban Symbolism, Margate 2024
BRINK at Ark, Cliftonville (Margate Pride Art Map) 2024
One-of-One at The Margate Gallery, Margate 2024
To Gather Ash & Light at Salon, Cliftonville 2024
The Unfinished Art Show at Pie Factory, Margate 2024
Enstent at The Margate Gallery, Margate 2024
Scream of the Butterfly at Davies Gilder, Guildford 2022 & Noah's Ark Performance
Communion at ZERO, Guildford 2022
UCA Graduate Show, Virtual Exhibition 2020
Something Presented As Culturally Essential, Virtual Exhibition 2020
Milieu? at James Hockey, Farnham 2019
Print Or Be Damned at Elaine Thomas, Farnham 2017

Selected Press:
Queer artist finds creative spiritual home in Margate, The Methodist Recorder, 27th February 2026
Queer Faith & Art, The Methodist Church (LGBTQ+ History Month) 2026
Deweeding, Dabbing & erm Dog Showing... Pied Piper, Don't Miss Margate, August 2025
Food for Thought, Thanet CommunityAd Magazine, September 2024
Antlers Issue 01, 2024
Featured on @SadGrads, 2020
Perpetual Existence Newsletter, 2020

Assistance Roles: Kavel Rafferty at Projects Kavel Rafferty, Margate 2025-Present | Bev Howard, at Hold, Ramsgate 2026 | David Nettleingham at Woodcraft Folk workshops, Margate 2024 | Rob Schwarz at Gallery of Urban Symbolism, Margate 2024 | Kate Street in 'Body as Language' BA Fine Art workshop, at UCA Farnham 2023 | Tobin Prinz, at Art Space Portsmouth Open Studios 2022