



Member Profile: Joshua Grey

Why does Aldrich membership matter to you?

Over the last few years, I've attended most of The Aldrich's exhibits, A Place at the Table dinner, and many Drink and Draws, both in-person and virtually. The Aldrich is always welcoming with beautiful galleries and grounds, warm-hearted and personable staff, and world class art. It's important to me to support The Aldrich, as much for its art as for the community it fosters.

What is your best memory of The Aldrich?

Funny enough, my best memory of The Aldrich has nothing to do with the art on the walls. In December 2018, The Aldrich held a benefit concert with the musician Moby. Although it was not my first time seeing him perform, it was the most intimate and memorable. And that's what The Aldrich does so well – it brings world class artists to our community and provides them with an intimate and accessible space to share their authentic creative expression.



What was the most surprising work you've seen at The Aldrich?

The most surprising work I've seen at The Aldrich is Frank Stella's Fat 12 Point Carbon Fiber Star from his current exhibition. The all-black sculpture dominated the gallery, seeming at first to overpower the room. But as I sat with it, I began to feel a sense of calm and comfort precisely because of its size and color.

Have the events of the last year changed the way you think about art?

With many activities – travel, concerts, museum-going, dining out – having been canceled over the last year, I found myself engaging in my own art-making and challenged myself to become comfortable with this. Most evenings I'll go for a walk, and during these walks I've begun to pay more attention to the beauty of nature and the countless organic and man-made designs that surround us. These are often the visual relationships that disappear into the background because we take them for granted. I now think about art not just in terms of what is on display in a museum, but as all of the colors, textures, noises, and even scents that surround us. Surprisingly, the events of this past year have propelled this heightened sense of awareness.