

# EZRA BOOKMAN

RITUAL DESIGNER, ARTIST, FACILITATOR











# Us

Writer, Performer  
2018 @ Grand Prospect Hall  
Lab/Shul

*An immersive performance art  
ritual co-creating an embodied  
experience of community and  
transformation*

In the bible, Divine forgiveness on Yom Kippur was signaled through a red ribbon magically turning white. In the absence of magic and miracles, what tangible proof do we have that change is possible - in ourselves and in our communities? How do we create year-long accountability for our new year intentions?









# Broken But Together Statue Dedication

Ritual Design & Facilitation  
2023 @ Secret Location  
Michael Benisty



*A ritual in collaboration with artist Michael Benisty to welcome his monumental sculpture to its new home in a secret nature preserve by creating new memories of love.*







Shabbottom





# The Prophetic Post-Patriarchy Purim Performance Party (PPPPPPurim)

Creator, Producer, Emcee, Ritual Design  
2017-2020 @ House of Yes  
Lab/Shul



*A ritual and performance festival of original  
multi-disciplinary works commissioned to  
imagine a world post-patriarchy, inspired by  
the Hebrew-Pagan spring ritual of Purim*







# A/part

Writer, Performer, Producer  
2019 @ Hammerstein Ballroom  
Lab/Shul

*An interactive performance art ritual reimagining  
the toxic legacy of the Judeo-Christian creation myth;  
featuring live soundscapes from sound activist Nick  
Demeris and earth altars from artist Day Schildkret*



What would it sound like if humanity was in harmony  
with nature, rather than dominating and ruling over it?









## 2020 Bday Redo

Co-Creator, Producer, Host  
2021 @ Prospect Park  
Ritualist + The Joy List

*A birthday celebration for everyone whose birthday got skipped because of Covid*

Our societal impulse has been to suppress the grief of Covid. But collective trauma requires collective healing. What new civic rituals of joy and release can we create to build resiliency and connection amid our shared stories of loss?











# The Slow Down

Producer, Host, Ritual Design  
2018-2020 @ House of Yes  
Lab/Shul

*An intimate evening of  
feasting, healing, meditation,  
experimental ritual, and a  
living room performance from  
a mystery guest musician*

Most of us rush from the workweek to the weekend without ever marking the transition with intention. How can we open the ancient Hebrew wisdom of Sabbath as a universal experience? What art becomes possible when the audience is unplugged, warmed up, present, and deeply connected with one another?





# The Joy List Social

Co-Host, Ritual & Experience Design  
2019-2020 @ NYC & Zoom

*A monthly gathering dedicated to ending loneliness*



How can secular ritual be used to help strangers let go of anxiety and open up to others with vulnerability? What new sober spaces can be designed that enable people can show up alone and leave with a new friend?





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