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KALUP LINZY

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Left: Kalup Linzy, *KK Queens Survey*, video still, 2005, digital video.



Right: Kalup Linzy, *Keys to Our Heart*, video still, 2008, digital video.

Kalup Linzy is an American video and performance artist who lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. Linzy received his MFA from the University of South Florida in 2003 and also attended the Skowhegan School of painting and sculpture video art workshop. In 2005 Linzy received a grant from the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, in 2007 he was named a Guggenheim fellow and in 2008 he received a Creative Capital Grant and a fellowship from the Jerome Foundation.

On July 13, 2010, with an invitation from James Franco, he made his debut appearance on the daytime television soap opera *General Hospital*. Linzy's best known work is a series of video art pieces satirizing the tone and narrative approach of television soap opera. Linzy performs most of the characters himself, many of them in drag. Linzy also performs on stage using many of the same characters. His soap opera videos can be characterized by their low-tech quality, themes of socializing, family, the church, sexuality and homosexuality.

Linzy's work has been reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Art in America*, and *Artforum*. In 2007, *New York Magazine* named him one of the ten most promising artists.

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