

## **Jessika Tarr, artist**

Born in Munich, Germany, Jessika Tarr was fortunate enough to travel throughout the beautiful countries and cities of Europe during her childhood. Her formative years were adventurous ones, and they remain a constant source of inspiration. Her teenage years were spent in San Diego, California where she enjoyed the Pacific Ocean and the laid-back Californian lifestyle. She later moved to Washington D.C. to attend the Corcoran College of Art and Design where she met and married opera singer, Jeffrey Tarr. They spend their time having adventures, planning a lifetime of future travels, collaborating artistically, and getting into mischief.

Jessika is constantly drawing new inspiration for her work with consistent themes being neo-surrealism and the juxtaposition of the whimsical world of childhood and more adult and seductive themes. Fascinated by the dark yet romantic German fairytales, her work, which is often narrative, strives for a similar tension and mystery. Though not always intentionally narrative, she often pieces together fragments of dreams, memories and moments in order to create a forced narrative that varies depending on the viewer's perspective.

Ms. Tarr's performance and interactive work tends to embody a trickster aesthetic and plays off of people's reactions and involvement. Her curiosity provokes her to experiment frequently.

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