



is pleased to present

Loove TINKEBELL.

etwas Spaß für den neuen TORCHmeister

a show by

TINKEBELL.

from Saturday the 31st of October through Saturday the 28th of November 2009

*Exclusive performance by songwriter One Trick Pony
on the opening on Saturday the 31st of October from 5 pm-7 pm*



TINKEBELL. in collaboration with Mirjam Muller *Etwas Spaß für den neuen TORCHmeister*
-with Fifi (Poster, 2009)

TORCH Gallery is pleased to present *Loove TINKEBELL. etwas Spaß für den neuen TORCHmeister*, a survey exhibition of the work of installation and performance artist TINKEBELL. (NL) of the past four years. Also on show will be the new series *ALMOST 18+ for your pleasure* (2009) and a limited edition of posters from the photo series realized in collaboration with photographer Mirjam Muller featuring TINKEBELL.'s *Baby Bunnies* series will be for sale. The exhibition will be launched with the exclusive performance by upcoming songwriter One Trick Pony (Lowlands Festival) who dedicated one her signature tunes to TINKEBELL. She will perform on the opening day, Saturday the 31st of October from 5pm–7pm.

Loove TINKEBELL. offers a chronological overview of TINKEBELL.'s installations, projects and performances of the past four years. On show will be the central piece of her first project *My dearest cat Pinkeltje* (2004) that earned her instantaneous controversial fame: a purse made out of her cat. Documents of the performance series *Her name is,..* (2008) will be presented together with their main props, three stuffed dogs TINKEBELL dragged throughout the streets of Chicago, L.A. and Beijing. Also on display will be the documentation of the installation/happening *SAVE THE PETS (1)* (2008) where about a hundred hamsters rolled around in individual plastic balls transforming the exhibition space into a living installation. On show at TORCH Gallery will also be her unsettling *Baby Bunnies* (2008), a series of manipulated stuffed animals that interrogate our consumption habits, as they seem to convert the living and beloved into yet other throwaway commodities. For sale during the show will be a special edition of the book *Dearest TINKEBELL.*, a collection of hate mails received by TINKEBELL., and, more significantly, a full-fledged web-based investigation of those who emitted them. For her series *ALMOST 18+ for your pleasure*, she embroidered C-prints of visual material found on the website 'Almost 18+', sadly known for its daily upload of SM material featuring physically abused young women.

Whether she works with stuffed animals, porn material or hate mails, TINKEBELL. does one thing: she plays with the formless and unspeakable, the object of our innermost fears and desires. She toys with death, sex and everything that leads to that: humiliation, objectification and, ultimately, consumption. The intricate relation existing between the media business (that manufactures representations) and rituals of incorporation (everything and everyone in a media society has become an image to be consumed) is something Adriaan van der Have, TORCH Gallery founder who died this last April, very well understood. TINKEBELL. dedicates this exhibition to him and his son, Mo van der Have who follows his father as the new running director of TORCH Gallery. In memory of Adriaan van der Have who used to call himself the *TORCHmeister*, TINKEBELL. baptized Mo van der Have, *der neuen TORCHmeister*.

TINKEBELL. (1979) was born in Goes (NL) and attended the art academy in Tilburg before taking part to the post-Graduate Design program of the Sandberg Institute in Amsterdam. She lives and works in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Loove TINKEBELL. etwas Spaß für den neuen TORCHmeister will be running from the 31st of October through the 28th of November 2009 at TORCH Gallery in Amsterdam. The opening is scheduled on Saturday the 31st of October from 5-7pm. Festive opening with special music performance by One Trick Pony. Book *Dearest TINKEBELL.*, and a limited edition of posters from a photo series realized in collaboration with photographer Mirjam Muller featuring TINKEBELL.'s *Baby Bunnies* will be for sale at the gallery.

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