

Tanja Baj

I was born in 1979 in Carinthia and live as a visual artist, author, poet, and teacher in Spittal an der Drau. From an early age on, I found my means of expression in color and language – my first award came at the age of four: a fabric cow. Shortly thereafter, I won a real chicken in an animal drawing competition, though my mother forbade me from bringing it home.

After studying English and Visual Arts Education at the University College of Teacher Education in Klagenfurt and spending some time in Los Angeles, I dedicated myself entirely to art – and to the encounters between people, their emotions, and love.



In 2001, my boyfriend at the time, also an artist in Los Angeles, told me to paint him my love. If I succeeded, he said, he would move to Carinthia. I painted the picture – he was thrilled – and he came. From that experience, my series “*Art expressing love*” emerged in 2003.

Since 2008, I have presented my work in numerous exhibitions and readings in Austria and abroad. In my painting and poetry, I unite color, emotion, and love into a sensual whole. Themes such as closeness, relationships, and human connection are at the heart of my work.

I am an associate member of the IG Bildende Kunst in Vienna. My works have been shown, among others, at the Altstadt Galerie in the artists’ town of Gmünd, at the Blaues Atelier in Graz, at Galerie Scratchart in Cologne, at Kunstraum Obervellach (as part of the ORF Long Night of Museums), and at Parkschlössl Spittal/Drau.