


# MEHAI BAKATY

Tattooist

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## EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

New York Historical Society

2017

*Tattooed New York* (exhibition)

Vermont College of Fine Arts

(VCFA) Journal of the Arts

2015

*The Body Issue* (Journal)

The Drawing Center (New York)

1995

*100 Years of Drawings for Tattoos*

(exhibition)

The Total Tattoo Book

Amy Krakow (Warner Books)

(work featured)}

Tattooing New York City: Style and  
Continuity in a Changing Art Form

Michael McCabe (Schiffer)

(work featured)}

## PROFILE

Mehai Bakaty is a second-generation tattoo artist, who has been tattooing for over 35 years. Born and raised in New York's Lower East Side, he worked with his father Mike Bakaty during the city's tattoo prohibition. When the ban was lifted in 1997, the Bakatys opened Finesline Tattoo in the Lower East Side. Mehai specializes in contemporary American tattooing with a Japanese influence. His work has been shown in various gallery and museum shows, and on The Learning Channel and other U.S. and foreign television programs.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

OWNER, TATTOOIST

**Finesline Tattoo**

New York, NY

2010-present

TATTOOIST

**Finesline Tattoo**

New York, NY

1986 - 2010

PRINTER'S ASSISTANT

**Brand X Editions**

New York, NY

1984-1987

ARTIST/ARCHIVIST ASSISTANT

**Peter Max Studio**

New York, NY

1982-1984