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## **BIOGRAPHY**

### About Alba García

Alba García started as a fine artist at the age of six when she created a little pig sculpture for art class. All through middle school and high school she exhibited her early works in galleries. One of her sculptures is in the Mayor's museum in the town of Bayamón, Puerto Rico.

In 1997 she created the collective exhibit "Punto de Partida" at The University of Puerto Rico with other fellow artists. This was a collection of acrylic paintings. With the profits she came to the U.S. to venture and decided to pursue film, video and animation studies in School of Visual Arts New York.

In 2000 she created a 10 minute stop-motion animation short film called The Happy Prince, based on the short story by Oscar Wilde. This film has won various awards, including: Bronx Council of the Arts, The UPAGRA Award, The Dusty Film festival, N.Y.C, Nominated for a Student Academy Award in LA, Bronx Film Festival for animated short film.

Alba was praised by Disney, Dreamworks and other companies, but it was (MTV) who gave her a chance, and in 2001 she worked in Celebrity Death Match Animation. This was a dream fulfilled, but her heart was in other interests.

In 2003 she was an Inspirational Speaker at the Bronx River Art Center for Award Winning Stop-Motion Speakers Series. Here she explained the puppet making process. Between 2002 to 2004 she has taught the art of puppet making.

When she gave birth to her daughter in May 2007, she wanted to create a doll just like her baby so she could always remember her daughter's cute little face. So Alba signed up for a Wendy Froud's Workshop in New York, on May 1st 2008. Then, she started making dolls and couldn't stop.

Now in the year 2008 she has created FANTASIATION™, A (one-of-a-kind) handmade doll studio, in New York.

And as an animation director she also creates wonderful stories for her characters. Alba created a book called The Art of Alba García with the characters and their stories.

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## ARTIST STATEMENT

### **Humanistic dolls that are inspired by animals**

The human face inspires me. It's wrinkles take me to an ancient journey. I respond to facial expressions as the core of the soul and the eyes can tell you everything about that trapped soul. I just show you the emotions and the mood, you can recognize it in yourself, you can feel it.

Be human, be animal, be an elemental character, be a myth... at the end we all share the same Earth maybe in different parallel universes.

Fantasy creation is my thing, I invite you to my FANTASIATION Universe!

Come adopt an original one of a kind character.

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

- 2009**      **New York Faerie Fest, Featured Doll Artist**  
Binghamton, NY  
June 26 - 28 2009  
Camping Facilities
- 2009**      **Faerie Worlds**  
Oregon  
July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Camping Facilities and Hotel
- 2009**      **The Doll Show**  
Hackensack, New Jersey  
August 16<sup>th</sup> 2009  
The Rothman Center
- 2009**      **Faerie Con**  
Baltimore  
November 6 to 8 2009  
Camping Facilities and Hotel
- 2010**      **Guest Speaker @ The National Doll and Toy Collector's Club**  
NYC  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010  
Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City

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## Q & A's

### What is an Art Doll?

Put simply, an Art Doll is a piece of figurative sculpture made entirely by hand by an artist. These sculptures take many forms - some are not even human-like. They may be portraits, cultural images, animals or, in the case of my own work, fantasy figures. Any and all materials may be employed in their construction, be it clay, fabric and fiber or any combination thereof. Most importantly, they are original in concept and execution and employ highly developed technical skills and principles of design.

### What kind of materials do I use?

For faces hands, feet, and shoes I use mixed polymer clay and sculpting tools. Sometimes I make my own tools out of wood.

I color their skin with an airbrush, for more subtle flesh tone and to add detail.

I use tibetan lamb hair and human hair for their wigs. I actually design the hair depending on the gesture and body language or the theme I want to convey.

I use leather, satin, silk, velvet, organza and cotton for my doll's fashion. All designs and beads are to scale. I create the patterns and sew all the pieces together. I also create the hats patterns and hand sew them as well.

I create the jewelry and add some Swarovski crystals. For the whimsical characters I add feathers, glitters or any other rich materials to embellish the art doll.

### How long does it takes to make an art doll?

Depending on size and complexity, each sculpture may take weeks or even months to complete. The piece is then named, given character traits and extensively photographed before being offered for sale. A signed 'Certificate of Authenticity' accompanies each piece when you adopt Alba's OOAK dolls.

### What inspires you?

Nature, animals, humans, forests, gothic art, world myths, fantasy literature...?

### Who inspires you?

My daughter is my energy and my inspiration. I also have to say that my mentor Wendy Froud has a major role encouraging me to continue making dolls. Her words of encouragement have a profound effect on the way I view my dolls, my career and myself. And my husband it's been there to help me every step of the way, he is a great critic, web designer, editor, cook, babysitter and all the things he does to help me bring my dolls to the world. He is also a great sculptor and animator.

### When do you know when you are finished with a doll?

I would say I have an unconscious understanding of when a doll is "finished". When I finish with sculpting and sanding the piece, I paint it if it feels right and is spotless then, that's that. The same with the hair and clothing.

### What's next for Alba Garcia?

I have lots of projects right now, new ideas and Shhhh... I shouldn't chatter too much right now. It will keep me busy for the next couple of years. Stay tuned to my website, [www.Fantasiation.com](http://www.Fantasiation.com). I will announce all my upcoming events and show you my new creations. You can also sign up for Fantasiation Fan Club at [alba@fantasiation.com](mailto:alba@fantasiation.com). In the meantime I continue to stay busy attending Cons and Fairy Festivals. My work is also on facebook and my space.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Fantasy Dolls visit NY Faerie Fest

New York emerging Artist Alba García will be bringing her one-of-a-kind fantasy art dolls in a campaign to launch her studio, FANTASIATION™

**Binghamton, NY- June 27 to 28 2009-** FANTASIATION™ handmade art dolls studio

will be at the New York Faerie Fest this year. Come and see as Alba García, an emerging energetic and creative doll artist, hand crafts a doll during the Faerie Festival. Alba has finely crafted her whimsical dolls and added earthy dreamlike details for a magical fairy tale look that everyone will love. Her creative and rare collectable designs will inspire you to collect more and more.

She will be selling her one of a kind dolls and will take portrait commissions. You can be assured that you are acquiring the best dolls. Discover the powerful emotions and how life-like her dolls are. Her dolls are guaranteed to please any discriminating collector.

When you fall in love with a OOAK doll, you just have to own it. When you purchase a piece during this show, you will save money and get the best value in the market, and you will get a free gift!!

Get her autograph and enjoy the fun at this wonderful festival. By the way, who doesn't want to own an original?

*“I take great pride in all the process of my doll's creations from the sculpting, painting, decorating and story making”.*

-Alba



### About FANTASIATION

**FANTASIATION** was founded in June 2008 by New York doll artist, Alba García. She is committed to creating hand made one of a kind sculptures with personality and magical stories for everyone. She is also educating people to make wise choices on how to collect, and protect your investment and how to increase the value of your piece for future exhibits in museums.

For further information on FANTASIATION™, or to set up media interviews with artist Alba García, contact [alba@fantasiation.com](mailto:alba@fantasiation.com) or visit [www.fantasiation.com](http://www.fantasiation.com)

### About New York Faerie Fest

Fairies, elves and fantastic creatures gather in wooded hollows between the Finger Lakes and the Catskill mountains. With enchanting music and colorful pageantry they invite you to join them in celebrating nature's wonders and the magic of imagination.

Get your doll now before they are all gone!

**Note: Will provide High res photos for the media**

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## ONE-PERSON SHOWS

- 2008 Fantasy Dolls, Gothic Renaissance Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 Animation Dreams, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

## COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- 2008 World of Froud, Artist of the Month, November 2008
- 2008 One of a Kind Doll Art Website, Artist of the Month, October 2008
- 2004 Bronx Film Festival, Stop-Motion WINNER
- 2003 BRIO Award WINNER 2001 Student Academy Award, California, NOMINEE
- 2001 Dusty Film Festival, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, Stop-motion WINNER
- 2000 School of Visual Arts Scholarship 1999 UPAGRA Graphic Design Scholarship, WINNER

## GUEST SPEAKER & ART DOLLS MEMBERSHIPS

- 2010 Lecture and Demonstration on how to create a doll figure. Fashion Institute of Technology.  
National Doll & Toy Collectors Club of NYC
- 2009 Active member of Central New York Art Doll Guild
- 2009 Active member of National Doll and Toy Collectors Club NYC
- 2003 Teaching Stop-motion and puppet-making and Mentoring College Interns
- 2003 Speakers Series at Bronx River Arts Center (Stop Motion)
- 2001 Teaching Animation and Puppet making 2000 Artist-in-Residence, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

## GROUP EXHIBITS

- 1997 Punto de Partida, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
- 1996 Teatrazos, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
- 1992 Sueños, Galería Francisco Oller, Bayamón City Hall, PR

## COLLECTIONS

*Various private collections* in Puerto Rico, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, California, England, Spain.  
*Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico.* Donated Stop-Motion Animation short film, Santurce, Puerto Rico  
*Ramón Luis Rivera Museum.* Donated Bust of Ramón Luis Rivera, Mayor, Bayamón, Puerto Rico

## PUBLISHED

- 2009 Dolls Craft & Costuming – August 2009
- 2009 Fae Magazine, Spring Issue
- 2009 Faerie Magazine, Mid- April (An international fantasy art magazine)
- 2008 Dante's Heart Online article 2008 LATIN WEEK, New York 2008 Self Published Book, The Art of Alba Garcia
- 2007 ABC Morning News

## COMMISSIONS

- 2008 Doll Commissions for clients in England, Barcelona, California, Pennsylvania
- 1998 Wall Mural for Casa de las Almas, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 1997 Sculpture for Casa de las Almas, San Juan, Puerto Rico