

Kristen Baumliér - BIO

Kristen Baumliér's work spans the full spectrum of interdisciplinary media, including performance, interactive installation, video and audio works. She received her MFA from the California College of Arts and Crafts in 1994, where she began utilizing humor, combined with interactive performance as core elements in her work.

During a residency at the Headlands Center for the Arts in 2005, Baumliér began performing as the "The Petroleum Pop Princess" as a pop icon engaging viewers in debate over materialism and oil consumerism. Her first live show about energy issues, called *Oh, Petroleum*, was performed in venues in California, Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio.

She is a founding member of the collaborative group, Fossil Fools, which presents issues about energy and fuel consumption. She received an Ohio Arts Council Fellowship in 2004, and an ArtsLink project grant in 2005 to produce a site-specific collaborative work in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Baumliér has performed at the Mattress Factory, the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, the Headlands Center for the Arts, and at the Select Media Festival in Chicago, IL.

Baumliér currently lives in Cleveland, OH, in Cuyahoga County, which is currently ranked fourth among the U.S. counties with the highest concentration of carbon dioxide pollution.