

# **Body Blogging in Exile**

**2009 Calendar**

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# Introduction

In the fall of 2007, as a result of a particularly unpleasant divorce -- perhaps they all are unpleasant -- a power struggle began over BME, the body modification website that I started in 1994. During this difficult period, I found myself temporarily blogging at a site called "Body Two", as I was locked out of my normal URLs. The support I got from old friends and new contributing their photos and stories, as well as helping me survive financially, is one of my most uplifting memories of running BME... That of getting the help I desperately needed at the time from a community that I deeply loved. Without this support I would not be in the great place I am today and the community has my gratitude.

Saying good bye to that community and the projects we built together has been very hard to do, but also very rewarding as I have had the opportunity to do things with my life that I never would have been able to do with the daily demands of running BME. I am left with nothing but good memories and have been both enjoying new directions in my own life, and watching the direction the community and business takes under new leadership. This book serves as a memory and a thank you to a very important chapter in my life. I feel like I've taken and finished an important step in growing up.

May 2009 bring as much positive change for all of us as 2007 and 2008 did for me.

Thank you again,

Shannon Larratt  
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*In 1996, CBT performance artist Bob Flanagan dies.*

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# JANUARY

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THURSDAY

*2009 Cigar City Tattoo Convention (Tampa) through the 11th.*

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FRIDAY

*2009 Miami Tattoo Expo through the 11th.*

*2009 Singapore Tattoo Convention through the 11th.*

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SATURDAY

*Venezuelan body modification practitioner Emilio Gonzalez turns 31.*

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*Lukas Zpira announces the "Body Hacking" movement in 2004.*

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THURSDAY

*2009 Rick's 13th International Tattoo Convention (Green Bay, WI) through the 18th.  
2009 Marked For Life All-Female Convention (Orlando, FL) through the 18th.*

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FRIDAY

*2009 Shades of Blue Tattoo Convention (La Crosse, WI) through the 25th.*  
*2009 AM-JAM Tattoo Convention (Syracuse, NY) through the 25th.*  
*2009 Baltimore Tattoo Arts Convention through the 25th.*  
*2009 Southern Ink Xposure (Cape Town, South Africa) through the 25th.*

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SUNDAY

*Anatometal's Barry Blanchard turns 50.*

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*Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" exposes her pierced nipple and nipple shield to millions at the 2004 Superbowl.*

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## MONDAY

*Adam Callen of BodyMod.org turns 29.*

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## THURSDAY

*The Eunuch Archive is founded in 1997.*

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## FRIDAY

*2009 Salt Lake City Internation Tattoo Convention through the 15th.*

*2009 Milan Tattoo Convention through the 15th.*

*2009 Ink Travelers Tattoo & Piercing Convention (Vancouver, WA) through the 15th.*

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# FEBRUARY

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FRIDAY

*2009 Midwest Tattoo Tour (Sioux City, IA) through the 22nd.*

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SATURDAY

*Blogger and lawyer Marissa Kakoulas of 'Needled' turns 36.*

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SUNDAY

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# FEBRUARY / MARCH

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

*2009 14th Annual Motor City Tattoo Convention (Detroit) through March 1st.  
2009 Philadelphia Tattoo Arts Festival through March 1st.*

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*Norman Rockwell's "The Tattooist" published in 1944.*

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THURSDAY

*2009 The Hatter Remains 1st Reunion (Portland, ME) through the 7th.*

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

*2009 Manchester Tattoo Show through the 8th.*

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THURSDAY

*Elayne Angel's studio "Rings of Desire" in New Orleans is closed permanently by Hurricane Katrina.*

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FRIDAY

*2009 Lady Luck Tattoo Arts Festival (Reno, NV) through the 15th.*

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SATURDAY

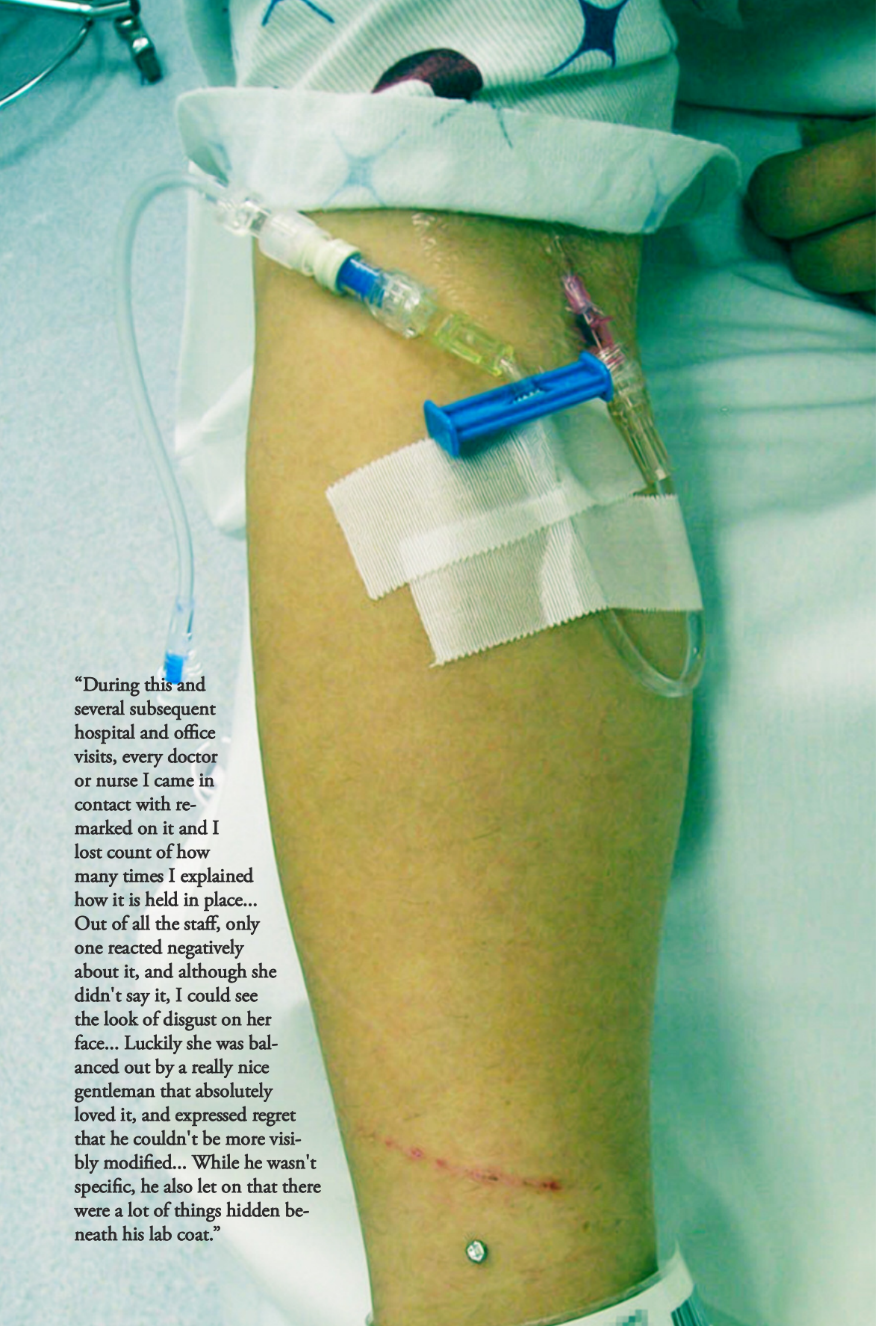
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SUNDAY

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“During this and several subsequent hospital and office visits, every doctor or nurse I came in contact with remarked on it and I lost count of how many times I explained how it is held in place... Out of all the staff, only one reacted negatively about it, and although she didn't say it, I could see the look of disgust on her face... Luckily she was balanced out by a really nice gentleman that absolutely loved it, and expressed regret that he couldn't be more visibly modified... While he wasn't specific, he also let on that there were a lot of things hidden beneath his lab coat.”



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FRIDAY

*2009 Massachusetts Tattoo Festival through the 22nd.  
2009 Frankfurt Tattoo Convention through the 22nd.*

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SUNDAY

*Tattoo artist and historian Henk Schiffmacher turns 57.*

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# MARCH

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WEDNESDAY

*Jesse Jarrell turns 30.*

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THURSDAY

*2009 10th Annual Tampa Bay Tattoofest through the 29th.*

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

*Mexican body artist and publisher Danny Yerna turns 45.*

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FRIDAY

*2009 Bloodapalooza in Dallas, TX through the 12th.*

*2009 Tats and Art For a Cure Festival (Los Angeles) through the 12th.*

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FRIDAY

*Father of the modern suspension movement, Allen Falkner, turns 40.*

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FRIDAY

*Rites of Passage perform their first suspension as a team in 2001.*

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# APRIL / MAY

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WEDNESDAY

*Body and performance artist Lukas Zpira turns 43.*

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SATURDAY

*2009 Tiger Rose Tattoo Festival (Santa Maria, CA) through the 3rd.*

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SUNDAY

*2009 14th Annual APP Convention (Las Vegas) through the 8th.*

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*In 1996, piercing pioneer Mr. Sebastian dies in London.*

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**FRIDAY**

*2009 Roanoke Tattoo Festival through the 10th.*

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**FRIDAY**

*2009 Skin Art Expo (Glendale, AZ) through the 17th.  
2009 Lilac City Tattoo Expo (Spokane, WA) through the 17th.*

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**SATURDAY**

*2009 Maritime Tattoo Festival (Halifax) through the 18th.*

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**MAY**

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**WEDNESDAY**

*Extreme body modification pioneer Steve Haworth turns 44.*

*In 2005, the first 'Scar Wars' convention is hosted through the 22nd.*

*In 2001, iWasCured perform their first public suspension, ushering in the grassroots suspension movement.*

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**FRIDAY**

*2009 Hell City Tattoo Fest (Columbus, OH) through the 31st.*

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"I began to walk and I just felt good walking and walking. I can't explain if it was the bells ringing or the ritual, but the cows that were nearby slowly began to walk by my side, following my pace as in a holy procession. Simply amazing! I walked and walked and it seemed that the Kavadi gave me strength to walk -- a peaceful feeling."

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FRIDAY

*The Lizardman, Erik Sprague, turns 37.*  
*2009 9th Annual Valencia (Spain) Tattoo Convention through the 14th.*

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**FRIDAY**

*2009 Northern Ink Xposure (Toronto) through the 21st*

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"This morning, I got to pierce my 73 year old nana's ears. She has had them done a few times, but always has a reaction to the piercing studs and takes them out. I told her about piercing with titanium, and using quality implant grade materials, and needle versus gun issues and so on. She came in to town to visit family and asked me to do them for her. Matte was gracious enough to guide me through things -- even though he has had me do some before on others, I was nervous with it being my nana and all. Things went well good besides me being so nervous at first and a little shaky. *She loves them!*"

**JUNE**

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**TUESDAY**

*Suspension artist and author Havve Fjell turns 39.*

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**FRIDAY**

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**SUNDAY**

*Founder of the modern piercing movement, Jim Ward, turns 68.*

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# JUNE / JULY

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## MONDAY

*Body modification artist Brian Decker turns 34.*

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## TUESDAY

*In 2005, Karolyne Smith gets a "Golden Palace" tattoo, starting the short trend of corporate advertising tattoos.*

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## WEDNESDAY

*In 2007, Howie tattoos the eyeballs of Josh Rahn, Shannon Larratt, and Pauly Unstoppable, starting the trend of eyeball tattooing.  
Traditional yearly date of BMEfest.*

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With Heritage & Exciting Future



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*In 2005, body piercing artist Keith Alexander is killed in a bike accident.*

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*In 1995 body modification pioneer Jack Yount dies while in Denmark.*

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**THURSDAY**

*2009 4th Annual APT Convention (Kansas City, MO) through the 19th.*

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**FRIDAY**

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**SATURDAY**

*In 1997, the Lizardman has his tongue split, starting the tongue splitting trend.*

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**FRIDAY**

*Tattoo artist Cliff Raven is born in 1932.  
2009 Stavanger, Norway Tattoo Convention through the 25th.*

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# JULY / AUGUST

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*In 2008, the Church of Body Modification is finally legally incorporated.*

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FRIDAY

*Suspension and kavadi performance artist Kor turns 48.*

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*Host of "Scar Wars", Shawn Porter, turns 35.*

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# AUGUST

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WEDNESDAY

*Body modification blog "ModBlog" founded in 2005 by Shannon Larratt.*

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FRIDAY

*2009 Starfire Tattoo Weekend, Austria, through the 9th.*

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# AUGUST

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**MONDAY**

*Father and pioneer of modern body play, Fakir Musafar, turns 79.*

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# AUGUST

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**MONDAY**

*Scarification artist Wayde Dunn turns 31.*

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**FRIDAY**

*2009 Ibiza Spain Tattoo Festival through the 23rd.*

*Circus Mundus Absurdus performer and body artist Lassi turns 33.*

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# AUGUST

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THURSDAY

*Full body-transformation Tiger, "Stalking Cat", turns 51.*

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FRIDAY

*MODIFY the movie released on DVD in 2007.*  
*Scarification artist Blair turns 42.*

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# AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

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FRIDAY

*2009 Hell City Tattoo Fest (Phoenix, AZ) through the 6th.  
2009 Castellon (Spain) Tattoo Convention through the 6th.*

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# SEPTEMBER

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**MONDAY**

*Underground body modification practitioner Howie turns 32.  
Convicted body modification practitioner and cutter Todd Bertrang turns 47.*

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**FRIDAY**

*2009 Moscow Body Art Festival through the 13th.  
2009 Jacksonville Tattoo Convention through the 13th.*

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*Otzi the Iceman (the tattooed mummy) discovered in 1991.*

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"I experienced this incredible feeling of bliss while I felt that I was falling in the black of my eyes as they were closed. It was a really gratifying feeling."



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# SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

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TUESDAY

*BME founder Shannon Larratt turns 36.  
In 1996, 5000 play piercings are done at the "Berkeley 5000".*

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FRIDAY

*Body piercing pioneer Thomas Brazda turns 44.  
2009 "The Biggest Tattoo Show on Earth" (Las Vegas) through the 4th.*

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*"Modern Primitives" published in 1989.*

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THURSDAY

*In 2000, the IAM BME community site launches.*

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FRIDAY

*2009 Black Hills Tattoo Convention (Rapid City, SD) through the 18th.*

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# OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

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*"Bboy", founder of the Eunuch Archive, dies in 2004.*

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SATURDAY

*GUINNESS awards its first "piercing" world record to Jerome Abramovitch in 1999.*

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*Tattooing legalized in Oklahoma in 2006.*

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*Electromagnetic tattoo machine patented by Thomas Edison in 1877.*

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*Anatometal founded in 1991.*

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*Gauntlet, the first retail piercing studio, opens in 1978.*

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*Body piercer Keith Alexander born in 1977.*

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*Tattoo pioneer Cliff Raven dies in 2001.*

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# DECEMBER

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## MONDAY

*In 1994, BME is founded by Shannon Larratt.*

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*Rotary tattoo machine patented by Samuel O'Reilly in 1891.*

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## THURSDAY

*Sideshow performer and tattoo artist Katzen turns 35.*

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## FRIDAY

*Tattoo artist Shotsie Gorman turns 58.*

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*In 1992, Paul Lawrence, "The Engima", starts getting tattooed.  
The Enigma turns 41.*

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