

# ***THERESA BRYNES***

## ***Performance artiste***



**THERESA BRYNES** was a student at Chatswood High School when she was diagnosed with Friedreich's ataxia. A terminal disease that attacks the nervous system. At 48 she is still going strong and has achieved her dream as one of New York's edgiest performance artists. She is also mother of three year old Sparrow.

Australian-born artist Theresa Byrnes began to exhibit her paintings in 1986 at the age of 16. She has had over 25 solo shows at spaces including Saatchi & Saatchi in New York and Sydney, Cristianne Nienaber Contemporary Art NYC, the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C., and many others, her paintings are owned by prominent collectors & celebrities worldwide. In 1996 Byrnes was awarded a Young Australian of the Year award, her performance pieces have been called "wondrous," "purist," and "uncompromising," by London's Daily Mirror. She has performed at Saint Marks Church @ The Bowery & for the Queens Council for the Arts. Byrnes published her autobiography *The Divine Mistake* in 1999 (Pan Macmillan, Australia) - Amala Films based in LA are producing a bio-pic based on Byrnes's *The Divine Mistake*. Byrnes is currently writing her new memoir. She moved from Sydney to New York in 2000 and received

