

# Joey Skaggs

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## WHO IS JOEY SKAGGS

Joey Skaggs has been a doctor, a lawyer, an Indian chief. Hailed as an entrepreneur extraordinaire, he created a bordello for dogs, was the proprietor of a celebrity sperm bank, and founded an organization to wipe out fat. He has saved the world with his cockroach vitamin elixir and was the first and only person to ever windsurf from Hawaii to California.

Although these and other illustrious activities have been presented as "truth" in the annals of the international news media, in reality they have all been hoaxes, products of his creative imagination. For over 37 years Joey has been an artist and a satirist with serious messages to tell. He has used the media as his canvas, creating performances to bring to light many of the difficult and complex socio-political issues of our day, and has successfully gotten his messages across. He is a master of media manipulation and has been hailed as "The World's Greatest Hoaxer."

### **Background:**

Formally trained as a fine artist, Skaggs attended the High School of Art and Design, the Art Students League, and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. His paintings and sculptures have been exhibited at galleries and museums around the world. He began teaching Media Communications at the School of Visual Arts in 1976 and continues to teach there from time to time. He has also taught at Parsons School of Design/the New School. He now speaks professionally for organizations and universities.