

# Jason Jay Stevens

*born Detroit, 1971, lives in San Antonio*

Jason Jay Stevens is an installation artist, museum exhibit designer, music composer and, as one half of the multimedia artist team, Potter-Belmar Labs, a live cinema performer.

Stevens was born and raised in Detroit, in a family full of engineers and working class entrepreneurs. He is, as they say, "self-taught," having studied and worked with a myriad of informal teachers, artists and designers working in the fine arts, exhibitions, custom furniture, and stagecraft, including Blake Ketchum, Jeff Bernstein, Vince Faust, Michael Curry, Thom Ross and John Bowditch.

Stevens' sculpture and installations have exhibited around the United States, Canada, and Europe. His work often includes sound, video and interactive elements. He debuted a series of lightbox photographs, fabric art and magnetic paintings at Blue Star Contemporary Art Center during San Antonio's 2007 Contemporary Art Month. Stevens, partner Leslie Raymond, and collaborator Stuart Allen created, "Mixing Chamber," a gallery installation of fabric, light and sound at the San Antonio Museum of Art in March 2008.

In addition to his art, Stevens is a designer of exhibits for science and art museums. In 2005, he designed the permanent installation of the Light & Optics Gallery at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum in Michigan. The exhibition includes over a dozen interactives and countless effects in a very unique gallery environment. He is currently working on a 5000 square-foot exhibit about sustainability.

Stevens and partner, Leslie Raymond, are multimedia collaborators, Potter-Belmar Labs, whose work includes single-channel videos and live cinema performances in which the artists mix audio and video live. Their performances are an engrossing mix of sampled and original media, and often audience-participatory. In May 2008, the duo toured the U.S. West Coast, performing at such venues as Other Cinema in San Francisco, and Echo Park Film Center in Los Angeles.

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