

FAQ'S

- DOES IT HURT?

THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE QUESTION...THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS YES. HOWEVER, NOT QUITE AS BAD AS YOUR FRIENDS WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE, AS EVERY PERSONS TOLERANCE TO PAIN VARIES, ONCE THE NATURAL ENDORPHINS KICK IN THE EXPERIENCE CAN EVEN BE PLEASANT. TATTOO LOCATION ALSO PLAYS A FACTOR, AS AREAS WITH BONE DIRECTLY UNDER THE DERMIS IE. RIBS, SHINS, GLOBE, SPINE, PELVIS ETC. TEND TO BE LESS FORGIVING... AREAS WITH SOFT MUSCLE TISSUE UNDER THE DERMIS IE. FOREARM, CALF, UPPER ARM, THIGH ETC. TEND TO BE A GOOD AREA FOR A NOVICE COLLECTOR BUT IF YOU OPT FOR A BIG SPRAWLING TATTOO, YOU ARE IN FOR A RIDE ANYWAY!!

- HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

TATTOOING IS NOT A PROCESS TO BE RUSHED, AS IT IS A PERMANENT MEDIUM. AN AVERAGE DETAIL, HAND SIZED TATTOO TAKES ROUGHLY 2 HOURS TO COMPLETE. LARGER AND MORE COMPLEX DESIGNS ARE USUALLY BOOKED IN 4 HOUR SESSIONS, AS MULTIPLE SESSIONS WOULD APPLY

- WHAT WILL IT COST?

OUR STUDIO RATE IS \$160/HR +TAX. A MINIMUM (40 MIN OR LESS SINGLE TATTOO) IS \$100 + TAX.

“ QUALITY. THERE IS HARDLY ANYTHING IN THE WORLD THAT SOME MEN CANNOT MAKE A LITTLE WORSE AND SELL A LITTLE CHEAPER, AND THE PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER PRICE ONLY ARE THIS MAN’S LAWFUL PREY.” JOHN RUSKIN

“ GOOD TATTOOIN AIN’T CHEAP AND CHEAP TATS AIN’T GOOD.” SOME UNSUNG BADASS TATTOOER

“ IT’S KINDA PERMANENT.” ANDREW ECKFORD

- HOW DO I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

TO SECURE A DATE FOR YOUR TATTOO, YOU MUST FIRST COME IN TO THE STUDIO FOR A FACE TO FACE CONSULTATION... AT YOUR CONSULTATION, YOUR IDEAS/REFERENCE IMAGES WILL BE DISCUSSED AND A BALLPARK QUOTE ON TIME WILL BE ESTABLISHED. FROM THERE WE’LL FIND YOU A TIME THAT WORKS WITH BOTH OF OUR SCHEDULES. TO SECURE THE NEXT AVAILABLE DATE, A \$100 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED

- **I SECURED A DATE, BUT NOW I NEED TO MOVE IT!**

WE UNDERSTAND EVERYBODY HAS A BUSY LIFE AND SOMETIMES IT GETS IN THE WAY OF FUN. WE DO CALL FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS THE WEEK BEFORE. IF SOMETHING COMES UP, PLEASE RESPECT THE STUDIO'S TIME AND TRY TO LET US KNOW A.S.A.P WITH AN INFERRED MINIMUM NOTICE OF 48 HOURS... VIOLATORS OF THIS POLICY WILL LOSE THEIR DEPOSIT AND A NEW DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE ANY RESCHEDULED APPOINTMENT... NO EXCEPTIONS

- **CAN I USE NUMBING CREAM?**

ABSOLUTELY NOT!! WE DO NOT RECOMMEND NOR ENDORSE THEIR USE AS THESE AGENTS ONLY COMPLICATE THE TATTOO PROCESS AND SIMPLY DON'T WORK VERY WELL BESIDES. THEY WILL ONLY INTERFERE WITH ALL THE GOOD STUFF YOUR BODY IS EQUIPPED WITH. YOU CAN THANK YOUR MAKER FOR THAT!! BE WELL FED, RESTED, AND HAVING A POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE ARE ALL THAT'S REALLY REQUIRED. DON'T TRY TO SNEAK IT PAST YOUR TATTOOER... HE'LL KNOW...HE ALWAYS KNOWS...

"TATTOOS ARE GODDAMN COOL AND NOT EVERY MOTHERLOVIN IDIOT DESERVES ONE" THE RENOWNED LYLE TUTTLE

- **WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PREPARE FOR MY TATTOO?**

THESE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE EASIER AND MORE ENJOYABLE.

FIRST OF ALL, MAKE SURE TO EAT WELL BEFORE YOUR TATTOO AS DURING THE APPLICATION OF A TATTOO YOUR BODY TRIES TO PROTECT YOU FROM TRAUMA, RELEASING ENDORPHINS WHICH CAN CAUSE YOUR BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS TO DROP, CAUSING LIGHT-HEADEDNESS, FAINTING, ETC.. IF THIS OCCURS, WE WILL TEND TO YOU AND GIVE YOU TIME TO RECOVER BEFORE TATTOOING AGAIN.

WEAR LOOSE CLOTHING AND BE PREPARED, CLOTHING WISE, TO GIVE YOUR ARTIST UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE BODY LOCATION TO BE TATTOOED... THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP YOUR CLOTHING INK FREE, BUT DON'T WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE CLOTHES, JUST TO BE SAFE.

PLEASE, DON'T SHAVE THE AREA TO BE TATTOOED AS IT MAY CAUSE RAZOR BURN (INCREASING YOUR PAIN). LEAVE THAT TO THE TATTOOIST.

YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO ZONE OUT, SO BRING YOUR FAVOURITE TUNES YOU CAN LISTEN TO WITH HEADPHONES OR A DEVICE WITH MOVIES. USUALLY WE'LL ASK YOU WHAT YOU'D PREFER TO HEAR AS THERE WILL BE SOME NECESSARY CONVERSATION

- **HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO HEAL?**

TYPICALLY, A TATTOO TAKES A WEEK TO 10 DAYS TO SLOUGH THE OUTER LAYERS (EPIDERMIS) AND THEN A "DRY" PERIOD WHEREIN THE TATTOO WILL

EVEN APPEAR “PLASTICKY”. THIS IS USUALLY 4 TO 6 WEEKS. SOME CLIENTS STATE THAT THEIR WORK TAKES 6 TO 8 MONTHS TO FULLY SETTLE! IT IS NOT PRUDENT TO RE HIT A TATTOO UNTIL ITS AT LEAST 5 WEEKS OLD

- **I THINK I NEED A TOUCH UP?**

TOUCH UPS, THOUGH NOT UNCOMMON, ARE USUALLY DUE TO HEALING PROCEDURES...YOU WILL RECEIVE AN AFTER CARE SHEET ON HOW WE RECOMMEND YOU TAKE CARE OF A HEALING TATTOO. THAT SHEET COMES FROM MANY DECADES OF HEALING EXPERIENCE. PLEASE FOLLOW IT VERBATIM AND YOU SHOULDN'T NEED TOUCH UPS. HOWEVER, IF IT IS NECESSARY, PLEASE SHOW THE TATTOOIST, HE WILL DEEM IF ITS CHARGEABLE OR FREE...IF IT'S A CASE OF A MISSED SPOT OR THE TATTOO HEALS A LITTLE LIGHT, THEN THAT CERTAINLY QUALIFIES FOR A TOUCH UP. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF REALLY DENSE TATTOO WORK (COVER-UPS, SOLID BLACK OR COLOUR DESIGNS) THEN THIS WILL LIKELY BE CONSIDERED ONGOING WORK. IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO GET A TOUCH UP DONE WHILE RECEIVING A NEXT TATTOO (SEE WHAT WE DID THERE?:)). HOWEVER, IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, WE WILL SCHEDULE A TOUCH UP APPOINTMENT

- **DO YOU TAKE WALK-INS?**

AT THIS TIME WE ARE OPERATING ON AN APPOINTMENT BASIS. AS PER DURHAM HEALTH BOARD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS. IN THE FUTURE, WE HOPE TO CHANGE THIS PRACTICE, HOWEVER, WE ARE DOING OUR PART WITH OUR COMMUNITIES' BEST INTEREST IN MIND, SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US

- **HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO RECEIVE A TATTOO?**

WE WOULD PREFER OUR CLIENT BASE TO BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER. HOWEVER, MINORS WILL POSSIBLY BE ENTERTAINED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, BUT ONLY EVER WITH PARENTAL CONSENT AND STRICTLY ONLY EVER WITH A CUSTODIAL PARENT PRESENT DURING THE APPOINTMENT. IT IS ALWAYS WITH THE TATTOOISTS DISCRETION REGARDING PLACEMENT AND SUBJECT MATTER

- **WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?**

ALTHOUGH WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID WASTED TIME, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT ALTERATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED LAST MINUTE IN WHICH CASE A LITTLE PATIENCE WOULD BE NECESSARY IE. CORRECTIONS, ALTERATIONS, LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS... WE ALSO TRY TO AVOID ANY MISCOMMUNICATION AS TO AVOID ASSUMING TOO MUCH... YOU NEED TO COMMUNICATE YOUR IDEA/CONCEPT WITH AS MUCH CLARITY/CONTENT AS YOU CAN PROVIDE SO AS TO AVOID ANY MYSTERY OR MISUNDERSTANDING

- **WHATAYA MEAN I GOTTA BE SOBER?**

YOU NEED TO BE SOBER...ANYBODY WHO SHOWS UP TO THEIR APPOINTMENT IN A LESS THAN CLEARHEADED STATE WILL BE TURNED AWAY, NO EXCEPTIONS. YOU MAY NOT BE: BEZZED, FACKED, BUCKLED, TORQUED, TWEKKED, STUNNED, ROCKED, FRIED, ZOOMING, DROOLING, SHORTING OUT, SAUCED, PICKLED, DRAINED, FREEKED, TWISTED, EMBALMED, FUZZY, DANCING, TUNNELING, TALKIN PHILOSOPHY, VIBRATING, CHEWED UP AND SPAT OUT, MULTIPLYING, ASTRAL TRAVELLING, FOLDING TIME INTERDIMENSIONALLY, TALKIN TO THE WALL, FUCKED DOWN, DROPPED, TWINKLED, WARPED... BUT MAYBE A LITTLE TOASTED IS OK

- **WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE IT?**

WELL THEN, YOU'RE DUMB. GO AWAY

IN CLOSING, ANY QUERIES SURROUNDING TOPICS SUCH AS: IS THE EARTH ROUND, DOES GOD HATE ME, HOW COME I DON'T UNDERSTAND GAME OF THRONES, WHEN IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO CASTLE IN CHESS, WHEN IS IT OK TO SWEAR AT A PRIEST OR A NUN, DO LAWYERS HAVE SOULS, WHY DON'T WE HAVE GILLS, IS IT OK TO MIX PATTERNS, WHAT IS AMBERGRIS, IS HANNIBAL WRONG, WHAT'S PETER GABRIEL REALLY SAYING IN THAT WEIRD SONG, IS THE SUN REALLY HOT? HAS ANYBODY TOUCHED IT, BUTTER OR MARGARINE, STONES OR BEATLES, WHAT ARE SQUID TRYING TO SAY WHEN THEY DO THAT WEIRD DANCE, DO PLANTS DREAM, WHY IS WATER TRYING TO WRECK AND SAVE YOUR LIFE AT THE SAME TIME, WHAT IS THE SECOND RULING FOR GOOEY CHEESE ON THE FLOOR, WHY ON EARTH WOULD AN ADULT PLAY A RECORDER, ETC. THESE ARE ALL GOING TO REQUIRE SOME SERIOUS CHAIR TIME.

SEE YA SOON!!