

Surreal Visions: Peer Kriesel Launches Crowdfunding Campaign for a Contemporary Tarot Deck in the Surrealist Tradition

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Berlin artist draws inspiration from the Surrealists' legendary "Jeu de Marseille" – Kickstarter campaign launches May 31, 2026

Berlin, May 2026 – When André Breton and his colleagues created the legendary "Jeu de Marseille" whilst in exile in Marseille in 1940–41, they replaced traditional card symbols with surrealist archetypes – an act of artistic rebellion against the darkness of their time. 85 years later, Berlin-based artist Peer Kriesel is taking up this tradition and bringing it into the digital age: on 31 May 2026, his Kickstarter campaign for "Surreal Visions Tarot" launches – a deck of cards created from a 50-page Moleskine sketchbook featuring finely drawn surrealist motifs.

Kriesel's grotesque figures and masks are not a nostalgic homage, but archetypes of our present: they reflect the masquerade of social media, the tension between authentic identity and digital self-representation, and the question of what distinguishes humans from machines.

The crowdfunding project offers more than just a deck of cards: Backers can purchase limited-edition art prints from the sketchbook (run: 5 copies each), original drawings in various formats, a large-format two-part work, or the complete collection of all 50 motif pages (Edition 5/5). Special highlights include 25 numbered and signed "First Editions" as well as an "Early Bird" offer.

With a funding target of €8,500 and a duration of 30 days, Kriesel invites the art world to become part of a project that combines surrealist tradition with social relevance.

The original sketchbook – a meditative artefact of thought – has already been presented at paper positions berlin 2026.

Campaign start: Sunday, May, 31th, 2026

Link: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/peerkriesel/surreal-visions-tarot?ref=bntnqs>

Further information: <https://peerkriesel.com/surreale-visionen-skizzenbuch/>

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