

INKBUS *Island*



PORTLAND, OR

THIS INKBUS IS A STATIONARY LOCATION TATTOO STUDIO THAT RESIDES WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF URBANITE, PORTLAND'S ORIGINAL LIFESTYLE STORE. IT'S BUILT OUT OF A 1993 THOMAS SCHOOL BUS. ITS 25' LONG AND HAS 2 TATTOO STATIONS INSIDE OF IT. IT HAS NUMEROUS UPCYCLED ELEMENTS THROUGHOUT IT SUCH AS A US POSTAL SERVICE SHELVING UNITS, VINTAGE MILK CRATES AND TURN OF THE CENTURY TUBE RADIO CABINETS. BUILD TIME FOR THIS BUS WAS 6 MONTHS. THE MOST LABOR INTENSIVE PART OF THE BUILD WAS CUTTING THE WHEEL WELLS OUT OF IT TO CREATE A TOTALLY CONTINUOUS, FLAT FLOOR. THE BUS IS ACTUALLY NAMED, 'BIG TOM'. THIS LOCATION HOSTS A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TATTOO ARTISTS AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS AROUND IT.

TOUR INKBUS ISLAND

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