

**DEBRA HADEN - [www.feminineoddities.com](http://www.feminineoddities.com)**



Debra Haden was born and raised in the mid-west. Creative from the start, Haden was influenced by her mother's general creative abilities and painting skills, and her grandmother's artistic sewing prowess. After completing her B.S. in Clothing and Textiles, Haden started her artistic career on the east coast. It was then that she officially picked up a paint brush and created a collection of femme fatale paintings. The apparel industry, while challenging and glamorous paid very little and she knew there must be a more satisfying way to make a living. Haden vowed that if she were to be creative she would only work for herself. After testing out several cities the artist currently resides in Venice, CA. It was upon moving to California in 2005 that she began to paint seriously, and can now be found showing artwork and throwing events of "art, music and more" throughout Venice, Santa Monica, and Los Angeles. Glimpses of Haden's apparel and lingerie design background can be found throughout her current works.

**Debra Haden and Feminine Oddities painting "Tied Up in Blue"**

**Photography** by Jennifer Hart Biagiotti



DEBRA HADEN - "Alone"



DEBRA HADEN - "My Love"



DEBRA HADEN - "Speechless"



DEBRA HADEN - "Tied Up in Blue"

# DEBRA HADEN - The Girl Who Could Float



# DEBRA HADEN - The Most Infamous Geisha



# THE FEMININE ODDITIES TAKE THE STAGE



**Blush and Bashful performing at “Naughty! Naughty! Wabi-sabi!”**

Photography by Mikey Culross



The background of the page is a collage of Japanese-themed images. At the top, there are pieces of calligraphy on a light-colored background, with some characters in red and black ink. On the right side, a large, vibrant red parasol with a black frame is partially visible. The overall aesthetic is traditional and artistic.

## The Feminine Oddities Take the Stage

By Staci Strangle

When you think of the term “Feminine Oddities” many things come to mind. But, according to Debra Haden, “a feminine oddity is a woman that possesses multiple talents, as well as the drive, ambition, and business savvy to utilize them together to achieve one goal.”

Debra Haden founder of the Feminine Oddities LLC is one of these women. Haden who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Clothing Design later wound up in the financial world as an AVP for a major financial institution. The financial world though at first challenging left her feeling flat creatively, so she picked up a brush and began painting again. These paintings proved to be a catalyst for a bigger idea and Haden created the Feminine Oddities in 2006. She has been throwing events of art, music, and more ever since. “As a woman with multiple talents, I wanted to create and environment where women could show their art-work, perform and not be harassed, and also be taken seriously for the many talents that they have.” Haden said.

Another example of an oddity that has been a part of Haden’s shows is Mary Macker. Macker not only showed multiple art pieces at the self-titled Feminine Oddities show, she also hosted a CD release party for her experimental music under the name White Mary.

The night also hosted an all female pop-punk band named Fallopian, and the burlesque of the Hollywood Pin-Up Girls. It was an intriguing mix of talent. And the show to follow proved to be just as interesting. “Naughty! Naughty! Wabi-sabi!” called a “Fem Odd, Far Out, and Far East Asian art experience”, included erotica writer Jolene Hui, The Kung Fu Femmes with a choreographed “Kill Bill” style fight scene, and the geisha pop dance duo Blush and Bashful.

The Feminine Oddities can be found in galleries and art spaces throughout Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Venice. For more information and to find the next Feminine Oddities show, go to [www.feminineoddities.com](http://www.feminineoddities.com).

*Thank you Debra Haden of “Feminine Oddities” for sharing your great work! Definitely creativity at its finest. • VF*

*Also in the August issue of Divine Revolution Magazine!*  
**For upcoming shows visit [www.feminineoddities.com](http://www.feminineoddities.com)**