



“Tarot Christmas Tree Trumps”

***A Mailart project by Museo dei Tarocchi, Italy
and
K. Frank Jensen, Denmark***

2007



Introduction

On the museum's and on my own behalf I wish to thank the mail artists, who have contributed to the Italian *"Museo dei Tarocchi's" "Tarot Christmas Tree Trumps"* project. Despite a relatively small number of contributions a variety of media were used: digital art, handmade collages, pen and ink drawings, handcoloured drawings, even rubber stamping and embroidery.

Totally I received 47 contributions by 28 different artists from 9 different countries. 7 of them could unfortunately not, even with my best will and phantasy, be associated with any of the tarot majors, which the theme was. You will, anyway, find them at the end of this list. Other were not obviously related to a named tarot major arcana card, so I had to make a guess myself. When that happened, it is noted in this documentation. One contributor sent sheets rendering a whole set of 22+2 majors (counted as one contribution only); another sent no less than 15 single cards.

It was with some degree of hesitation I took upon me the task of coordinating the *"Tarot Christmas Tree Trumps"* project. I have been out of international mail art for many years, actually since 1998-1999, when the so-called "faker" pestered the mail art scene by sending false invitations to mailart-projects, which did not exist. Since 1997 my projects have been "invitational", i.e. invitations were sent directly to a selected number of artists and not, as practice is in "international mail art", distributed freely in the network, so that everyone, who stumbled over a running project, could contribute. The first four of my mail art projects dealing with tarot were open to all and took place each year

during 1993-96. My last project was "*Mail Artists' Tarot 1998*", the outcome of which were three major arcana series combined in one (printed) deck, was invitational.

The invitations for "*Tarot Christmas Tree Trumps*" were sent partly by letter, through the official postal system, to a number of earlier contacts and partly by email. About 50 in each group. Besides this, the invitation reached other potential contributors by being forwarded or mentioned on websites and in blogs. Six postal letters were returned due to no longer valid addresses; some of them took a month or more to be returned from nearby countries. So much for the postal service.

In the heyday back in the 1990's there were hardly any day without mailart related mail in the letterbox. It has now for almost a couple of months been a great and nostalgic pleasure to look into the mailbox every morning to see if any new and welcome contributions had shown up. I will not wonder if there are still one or two delayed sendings on their way.

Thanks again!

K. Frank Jensen
November 3, 2007

Text of invitation:

**Tarot Christmas Tree Trumps
Postcard Mail Art Project
Coordinator:
K. Frank Jensen,
for the
Italian Tarot Museum - Museo dei Tarocchi**
www.museodeitarocchi.net

All artists are invited to create a postcard with the theme “*Tarot Christmas Tree Trumps*” (Major Arcana). Selected artworks will be reproduced as holiday postcards and sold in the Museum of Tarot bookshop, in special graphic artist folders in numbered variety packs of 10 postcards. The artworks will also be on display for an exhibition during Christmas season 2007-2008 in Riola, Italy (other possible venues will be determined).

Postcard Specifications:

Size of Artwork: A6: (10.5 x 15 cm or 4.1 inches x 5.9 inches).

Tarot Christmas Tree Postcard: Any medium is welcomed, such as pen & ink, color drawing, painting, photography, (copyright free) collage, or digital art (in the case of digital art, a 300 dpi-file in tiff-format plus a good quality print for exhibition is needed).

Deadline: Original Art Contributions to be considered have to reach K. Frank Jensen no later than November 1st 2007.

*K. Frank Jensen
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DK 4000 Roskilde
Denmark*

kfj@adslhome.dk

Remember to state your postal address and your email-address (if you have one)!

Documentation: Each selected artist will receive a numbered ‘graphic artist’ folder containing their printed postcard along with nine other postcards by contributing mail artists. Documentation of the exhibit that the Tarot museum will organize for this special project will be included. A special webpage will be created to showcase the art and exhibition of all selected artworks.

The technical direction of the project is entrusted to K. Frank Jensen & Museo dei Tarocchi, which will select the artworks. The artwork will not be returned and considered donated to the Museo dei Tarocchi museum where it will become part of the permanent collection .



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High Priestess-2

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Emperor-1

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Emperor-2

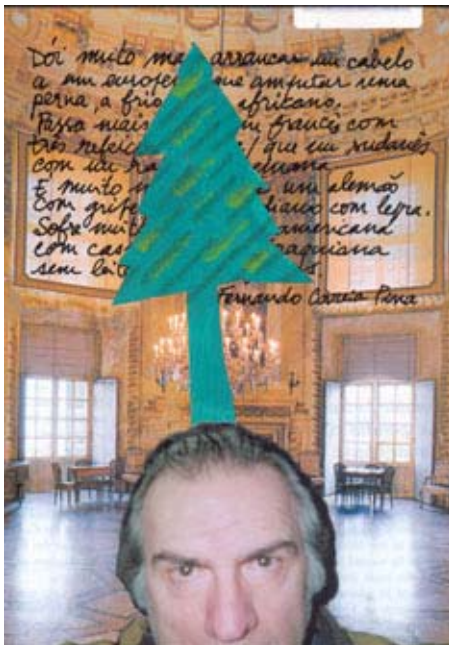
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Nina Bogin

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Hierophant-1

(as identified by the curator)

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(curator's note: the text/poem on this card is in Portuguese which I can not read. I hope "Hierophant" is adequate)

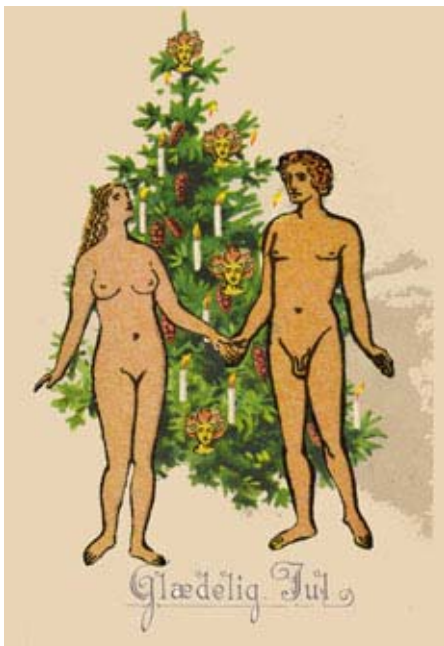


Hierophant-2

Giancarlo Pucci

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Lovers

(+variation: *The Lovers enjoy their Christmas Eve*)

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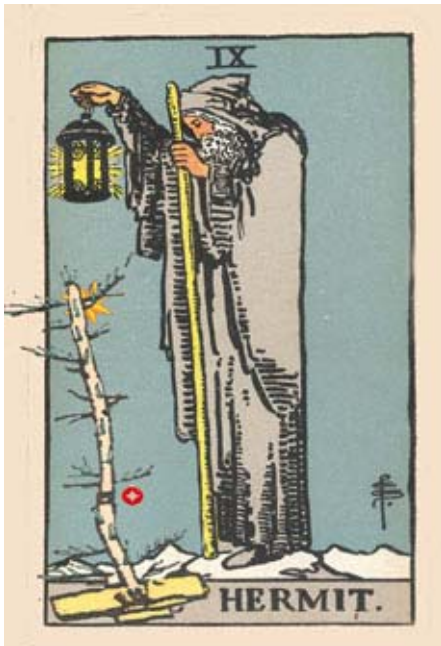
Chariot

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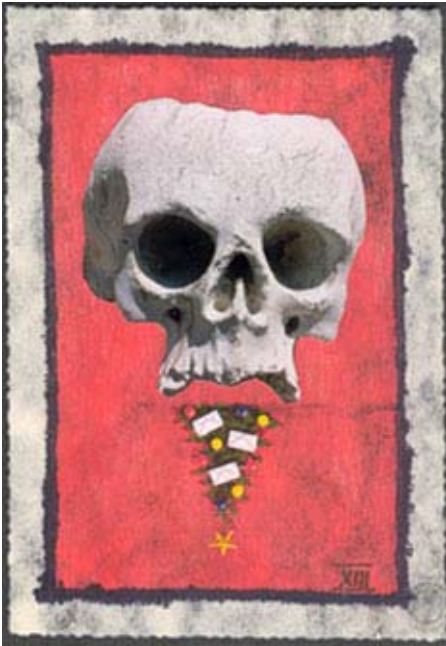
Wheel

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Hanged Man

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Death-1

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Death-2

(titled by the curator: "The Devil meets Death")

Schoko Casana Rosso - Mildbrandt

Harzer Str. 89 - 12059 Berlin Germany

(curator's note: Rosso sent one card combining, as I see it, Death and Devil)



Temperance

"A Holiday Tarot in Marseille Style" (Egg Nog")

Anonymous artist, USA



Devil-1

"The Devil by Pamela Colman Smith - remixed by David Dellafiora"

David Dellafiora - Field Study
P.O. Box 1838 Geelong
VIC 3220 Australia
fluxusstudy@hotmail.com



Tower

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(curator's note: A.D.Eker contributed a full set of 24 majors - "Primær Geo Tarot" - (including Juno and Jupiter), of which some have a Christmas tree reference. Here are included Tower, Sun and Moon.

Eker's majors are based upon the possible combinations of the letters ROTA (=Wheel), a concept we find also in Onno Doctors van Leuwen's 3-dimensional ceramic tarot created in the early 1970's).





Star-1

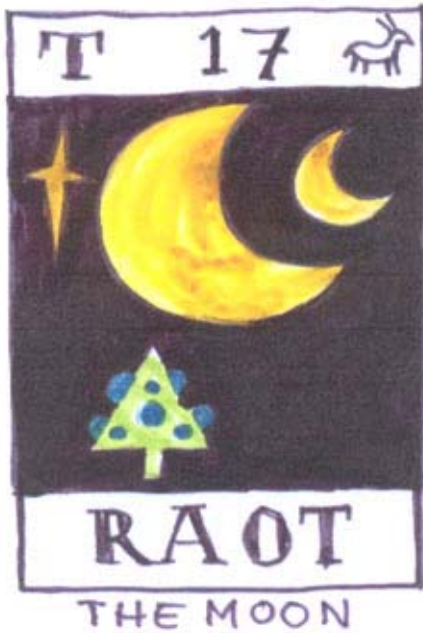
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XVII. The Star

Star-2

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(see also text to Tower)



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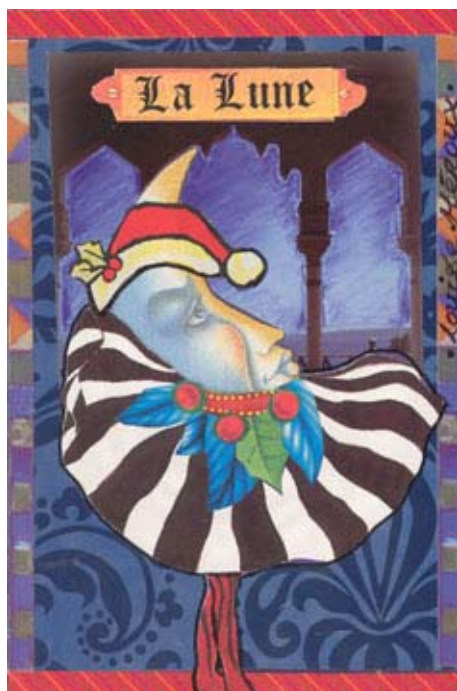
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Following contributions did not relate to any of the 22 tarot majors :



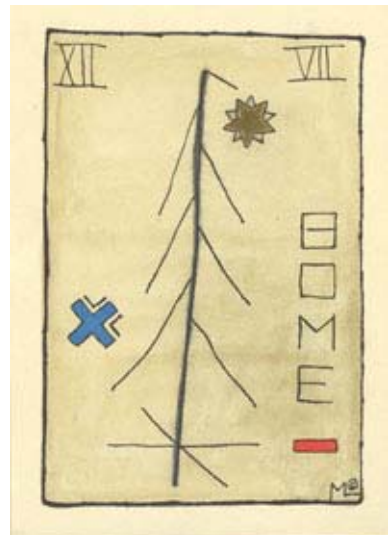
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