

MANHATTAN PROFILE / Mimi Johnson



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JOB

Founder and director of Lovely Music Ltd. on Spring Street, a music production company, which was created as an offshoot of Performing Artservices Inc., a nonprofit management service for New York's experimental musicians, dance troupes and theater companies that she cofounded in 1971

BIOGRAPHY

Born, reared in Galesburg, Ill.; graduated from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, moved to Paris and worked in an art gallery, moved back to New York in 1971 to start Artservices; married to a composer

RESIDENCE

Apartment in Tribeca

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

'I'm proud of what I've done because it's been true, behind the scenes work for the American avant garde ... I've supported, consistently, composers, dancers and theater people at times in their careers when they were perhaps unknown ...'

BEST THING ABOUT MANHATTAN

'I've lived in Tribeca for ten years, and the fact that people feel part of the neighborhood is the best thing about New York. It's very easy to get to know your local merchants and people tend to pull together.'

UNIQUE ABOUT LOVELY MUSIC

'It's music made by living composers that doesn't necessarily bend to pop tendencies. It's unique because of the diversity in style, from electronic to new kinds of instrumentalists ...'

Compiled by Sheila McKenna