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## **Boris Leist** LARP

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### The most fantastic characters from the world-wide Live Action Role Play community

Warriors of chaos, orcs, dwarfs, gunfighters, streetwalkers, zombies, mutants, Soldiers of the Apocalypse, and vampires – in his photobook LARP, Boris Leist transports us into the world of Live Action Role Playing. LARP is inspired by fantasy board games, films, literature, and computer games. The players in this book create characters, which have the power to blend out the modern world and one's own social surroundings. Liberated from customary structures, rules and conditions, they immerse themselves and move about in an alien world. The integration of facets of their own real personalities ensures that many characters are highly authentic.

The introduction is written by English-American video game developer Richard Garriott de Cayeux aka Lord British (Ultima, Shroud of the Avatar). The LARP-worlds in the book are commented by their players.

*»Early in my career, I realized the power of role-playing. Players of my early games would tell me about some deeper meaning they found in my games that I had never, at least consciously, put there. Quickly I realized that at the very least I had an opportunity, maybe even a responsibility, to insure that the content I put into my role-playing scenarios would have a positive influence on the people who experienced it. Combine this with the innate human desire to be whisked away to lands fantastical and new, escaping the trials*

*of this life in exchange for a new set of rules, new adventures, new possibilities, and you have the best conditions for fantastic live action role-playing.«*

– from the Text by Richard Garriot de Cayeux, aka Lord British

**Boris Leist** was born in 1978 in Düsseldorf. After he finished school, he went to university, where he studied Social Sciences and German Studies. When he then discovered photography, it finally felt right. After a traineeship in photography, he worked for several years as an assistant for various photographers. This allowed him to see the world and provided him with a wide range of photographic knowledge from which he still benefits today.

His work is direct, focused and authentic. He portrays people, situations and places with emotional sensitivity and intensive visual clarity. Authenticity is essential for the work of Boris Leist: *»I want to reach people and I am convinced that you have to be willing to be honest. Authenticity always makes the best and most lasting impression - in the very best case, the viewer is inspired, wants to find out more, has his own thoughts and continues the story«.*

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2 Caitlin Meagan Darcy – Trained seamstress; comes from a strict Irish Catholic immigrant family; lives in Boston and is married to Henry White.  
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4 Priest – Sergeant; commanding officer over the Squat, Swinging of the Steel (splinter group of former members of the Army of Steel).  
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