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Courtesy On Stellar Rays

Maria Petschnig's "De Niña a Mujer,"  
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**Maria Petschnig "Erolastika" at On Stellar Rays, 133 Orchard Street, opening February 5, 6-8 p.m., through March 13, [onstellarrays.com](http://onstellarrays.com)**

There's a current vogue for twisted erotic photography — c.f. artists like Laurel Nakadate and Leigh Ledare — but artist Maria Petschnig has taken a surreal, playful approach that has made her work seem intriguingly odd in a less wrenching way. She once made a self-portrait that fashioned her seminude body into the face of John Goodman, for instance. Now, she's going a slightly darker route, presenting a show of two videos and several collaborative images inspired by a mysterious Russian photographer named Viktor, whose high-production-value pictures of faceless women Petschnig had stumbled upon in New York flea markets. In the gallery's basement there will be a bedroom setting — suggesting that borders of intimacy will be crossed — and there will be a performance at 7 p.m. on the opening night.