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Introduction

Juli Manara is a Brazilian-born contemporary artist and educator working across photographs, films, installations and more. She is best known for her surreal-inspired photographic works, which often blend elements of nature and imaginative landscapes with small figures that symbolise our connection to the natural world.

Her creative process begins in natural environments, where she uses various cameras and lenses to photograph and record everything she finds intriguing, from micro plants to clouds, trees, and mountains. Growing up near the Atlantic Forest in São Paulo State, Juli draws significant inspiration from her tropical roots. Having also lived in the United Kingdom for over fifteen years, she incorporates the temperate and boreal scenes.

From her extensive image and film database, all captured by herself, she constructs imaginative scenarios by blending the selected images, which were all shot separately, into a completely new composition. She modifies perspectives and tonalities to create a whimsical final piece.

Her work has been collected and exhibited internationally at prestigious venues such as the Niterói Museum of Contemporary Art in Rio de Janeiro and the Tate Modern gallery, as one of the selected artists to be displayed during Dora Maar's exhibition.

In 2023, her first short animation, crafted from recycled papers and photographs, was a finalist and selected by the Sustainable United Nations Film Awards, and displayed at the Piccadilly Circus Spotlights in London.

In 2025, Juli was invited to lead the first creative photography short course at the Royal Academy of Arts and was commissioned to create outdoor billboard artworks to be displayed across London. Her most recent collaboration with The Macallan Scottish Whisky involved creating a large-scale, dreamy forest triptych artwork, using elements captured from their estate in the Highlands, for their new boutique at Heathrow International Airport.

Juli holds an MA from Goldsmiths University and has taught extensively at the Paris Speos International Photography School.
She currently lives and works between London and São Paulo.

Commissions (Public & Corporate)

The Billboards - Commissioned by the Royal Academy of Arts

The Macallan Forest - Commissioned by The Macallan - Displayed at Heathrow Airport

Lecturers & Talks

The Royal Academy of Arts - London, UK
Speos International Photography School - Paris & London
PUC University - São Paulo, Brazil
Unicamp University - São Paulo, Brazil

Selected Exhibitions

2025 - The Billboards - Commissioned by the Royal Academy of Arts, Camden Market - London - UK
2025 - Manacá - Solo Exhibition - Embassy of Brazil in London - UK
2025 - Maison Pan - Group Show at the Vaults of the National Gallery celebrating it's 200th Anniversary
2024 - Museum of Contemporary Art - Niterói - "Oh, I Love Brazilian Women!" - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2023 - CCSP - Center for Contemporary Art - "Oh, I Love Brazilian Women!" - São Paulo, Brazil
2021 - Apexart - "Oh, I Love Brazilian Women!" - New York, USA
2020 - Tate Modern - Screen display for the opening of Dora Maar's Exhibition - London. UK
2014 - Saatchi Gallery + Fritz Hansen Design at The Hyatt Hotel - London, United Kingdom
2013 - National Library of France - Paris
2012 - NordArt Contemporary Art Fair - Hamburg, Germany
2012 - MIS - Museu de Imagem e Som - Group Exhibition - São Paulo, Brazil
2012 - Somerset House - London Fashion Week - London, UK
2010 - Palais de Chailot - Prix de la Jeune Creation - Paris, France

Short Films Display

2023 - PaperHeads - The Package Animation - Curzon Mayfair Cinema - London
2023 - PaperHeads - The Package Animation - Piccadilly Circus Spotlights Screen - London

Honours & Awards

2023 Piccadilly Lights -International Film Festival Awards (United Nations) - London UK
2020 Tate Modern - Screen display selection - London UK
2013 International Fine Art Photography Awards
2012 LICC London International Creative Competition
2011 Made Design Artist Awards

2010 LPA London Photographic Association
2010 Sony World Photography Awards
2010 Prix de la Jeune Création Métiers d'Art - Winner - Photography - Paris, France

Selected Collections

The Macallan
Hiscox Art Collection
European Union Office, Brussels, Belgium
UBS Bank
Hyatt Group
Bibliothèque Nationale de France - Paris (National Library of France)

Bibliography

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Selected Publications

The Art Newspaper
Vogue
The Culture Edit by Vogue
Financial Times
How to Spend it
Smithsonian
The Glass Magazine
Widewalls
ArtRabbit
London Fashion Week
Saatchi Magazine
Art for your World by WWF