

### PERSONAL INFO

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# BIOGRAPHY

Bodhi Del Mar (b. 1983, AU) is a visual artist based from her mountainside home studio on the Gold Coast, Australia.

After studying commercial photography and working in the industry for 10 years, Bodhi deep dived into a creative cocoon and relaunched as an independent artist in 2014.

With photography as her springboard she continued to experiment with a wide range of media to develop her own unique arts practice; including composite photography, cold glass, vinyl, stenciling and painting. (both on canvas and humans).

Her whimsical and metaphorical artworks often speak to both her outer and inner world experiences, using colour and recurring symbols to represent the human psyche.

She is currently working on a number of surreal limited edition giclée print series from her travels to Africa, Antarctica & India and continues to experiment with a wide range of mediums in her original artworks.

### ARTIST STATEMENT

As I explore the outer, so I explore the inner. I'm deeply compelled to examine our connection to the natural world and how this parallels the connection we have to our highest self.

I'm drawn to psychology, symbolism and the journey of the human soul, often using recurring metaphors to tap into and shine a light into the deep subconscious. Each dream-like scene is intended to thoroughly delight and amplify a childlike curiosity and spirit - to hopefully inspire a more mindful heart and heartened mind.

## EDUCATION

Adv. Dip. of Commercial Photography TAFE SA 2004-05 (inclusive)

## EXHIBITIONS

2022 Group "Punk Luxe" Art Lovers Australia, GOLD COAST & MELBOURNE
 2018 Group "Flying Arts' Featured Artist at the Judy: Spring" Judith Wright Centre for Contemporary Arts, BRISBANE

2016 Group "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" Retrospect Galleries, BYRON BAY

2016 Solo "The Watercolour Collection" Novotel Hotel, BRISBANE
2015 Solo "Retrospective Collection" Sunshine Thai, COOLANGATTA
2014 Group "Canvas for Creatures" Ground Control, TWEED SOUTH

## AWARDS & PRIZES

2020 Finalist Clayton Utz Art Prize 2020 Finalist Art Lovers Australia

2016 Finalist Moreton Bay Regional Art Awards Photography

2016 Special Award Winner Cardwell Art Prize Functional Works

## COLLECTIONS

**National Private Collections** 

Adelaide, Darwin, Gold Coast, Melbourne & Sydney

**International Private Collections** 

U.S.A., Indonesia & Hong Kong

#### COMMISSIONS

2019 Private Collection Sydney AU
2018 Private Collection Gold Coast AU
2017 Private Collection Sydney AU
2016 Private Collection Sydney AU
2017 Private Collection Sydney AU
2018 Private Collection Sydney AU
2019 Private Collection Sydney AU
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2015 Private Collection Sydney AU 134 page book of photography

#### MEDIA & FEATURES

April 2022 Feature Artist - Art Lovers Australia www.artloversaustralia.com.au/feature\_artist/bodhi-del-mar-finding-a-deeper-connection/

March 2022 "Art as Revellion" - Blank Street Press www.blankstreetpress.com.au/arts/punk-luxe-art-lovers-australia

Feb 2022 "Spring Catalogue" - Saatchi Art

July 2015 "A Decade of Fine Photography On Show"
Tweed Daily News Weekend Edition, pg 25

# COMMUNITY

Flying Arts Alliance Exhibition Volunteer 2016-18

Enrichment Program Donating 5% of the sale from each artwork back to the local region and community from where it was taken. Currently supporting a range

of non-profits, NGO's and community projects world-wide.