# **INNA ETUVGI**

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## **BIO, ARTIST STATEMENT**

Inna Etuvgi, a Swedish artist with Chukchi heritage and Aphantasia, crafts art that delves into the intricacies of nature and the human experience. Beginning her artistic journey in 2020, Etuvgi has quickly earned acclaim, including recognition from the Arte Laguna Prize and the Swedish Arts Grants Committee.

Her work, a celebration of nature's overlooked splendors, ranges from the delicate patterns of dewdrops to the complex worlds of mosses and lichens. Through her photography, Etuvgi uncovers the hidden symphony of symbiotic relationships and stories within these tiny landscapes, inviting a deeper appreciation of our bond with the natural world.

Art critic Tabish Khan observes, "Whether she's taking us close to the Earth at its smallest scale or creating fantastical figures covered in plant life through digital art, her work is about transporting us to other worlds—both real and imaginary, but always in harmony with nature." This insight captures the dual nature of Etuvgi's art: a journey into both the minute beauty underfoot and the broader strokes of imagination and identity.

Expanding her canvas with AI and digital tools, Etuvgi explores contemporary societal themes, blending photography with digital artistry in her "Secret Garden" series. This work navigates the complexities of identity and self-expression, reflecting on the ever-evolving roles we play in a changing world.

Etuvgi's creations oscillate between reality and fantasy, the individual and the collective, serving as a bridge that connects diverse perspectives through the universal language of art. Her work is an invitation to see beyond the visible, into the heart of the interconnectedness that binds us all.

#### CV:

#### **Solo Exhibition:**

2023 - Macro photography as another way to see the world - Persgården Galleri - Visingsö, Sweden (8 April - 25 May)

### **Group Exhibitions:**

- 2024 WOMAN'S ESSENCE Show 2024 Valid World Hall Barcelona, Spain
- 2024 THE NEW ARTIST-6th Edition Boomer Gallery London, UK
- 2023 ARTE LAGUNA PRIZE Arsenale of Venice, Italy
- 2023 PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE VISUAL CULTURE Centro Internazionale di Fotografia, Palermo, Italy
- 2022 Visingsö konstrunda «Visingsö konstrunda» Visingsö, Sweden
- 2021 S.Eufemia Art Gallery «SMERALDO» Venice, Italy
- 2021 Visingsö konstrunda «Visingsö konstrunda» Visingsö, Sweden

## Honors, awards and grants:

- 2023 Stipendi grant from the Swedish Arts Grants Committee
- 2022 Finalist artist at the ARTE LAGUNA PRIZE 16
- 2020 Arte Laguna Prize 15 became an artist in the spotlight
- 2020 Top 12 best photographers at the thematic contest «Art photography 2020» by 35AWARDS
- 2020 Top 8 of best photos and Top 9 of best photographers at the thematic contest «Abstract shot by phone 2020» by 35AWARDS

## **Articles and publications:**

- 2024 JÖNKÖPING POSTEN "Inna kan inte se när hon blundar" 11 January 2024
- 2023 JÖNKÖPING POSTEN "Lavar blir till Aliens i Innas makrolins" 22 Augusti 2023
- 2023 PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE VISUAL CULTURE 22/23 a book by SerradifalcoEditore
- 2021 NEW YORK STYLE GUIDE article "Discover Sant' Eufemia gallery and the Emerald Exhibition"
- 2021 MARIKA MAGAZINE NATURE & TRAVELS (Issue 791 April), Kavyar
- 2020 MARIKA MAGAZINE NATURE & TRAVELS (Issue 468 December published on the cover), Kavyar

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