ANIMAMUNDI



IN THE GARDEN: GIGGLES IN THE GREENERY

A graphic anthology of new works by 12 INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS

Initiated, curated and Riso printed by DOMINICA HARRISON

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The inaugural book of the graphic anthology 'Anima Mundi', exploring inter-species communication between humans, plants, fungi, and minerals.

'Anima Mundi' books are artefacts that draw viewers' attention to diverse and wonderful life within morethan-human-world. The protagonist, Seraphina, who travels the Four Kingdoms represents open-minded curiosity and respect when encountering other lifeforms. As we navigate an era dominated by information saturation, a mental health crisis and pressing environmental issues, we need to urgently re-imagine our relationship with nature. 'In The Garden' specifically explores entheogenic plants and their potential to expand consciousness. Every plant featured in the book has has a rich history of medicinal and ritual use. These plants have enabled humans to probe the mysteries of consciousness, bridging human experiences with a greater sense of the Spirit and facilitating our recognition, acceptance, and engagement with the more-than-human world.



Eleanor Mulhearn - **@ELEANOR_MULHEARN** Visual artist working across a range of mediums and processes, including sculpture, installation and experimental animation, to produce works engaging with Enchantment as a core theme. She is the course leader for Illustration course in MMU, Manchester.



Kim Noce - **@KIMNOCE** Synergetic, multimodal and mix-media Maker of empathic, interactive and immersive experiences. Director of 19 films screened in more than 500 major international film festivals, winning more than 50 prizes worldwide. She is a course leader for MA Animation at LCC, London.



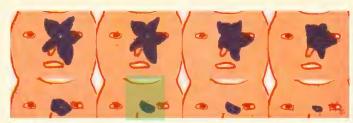
Ala Nunu - @ALA_NUNU Award-winning animation director based in Porto. She is a co-director of Oscar-nominated international production cooperative COLA Animation.



Award-winning animation director based in London who is keen to explore the various possibility of the mixed media and how can we tell and understand others' experiences through animation.



Andrew Alexander - @ANDYALEXANDY Brooklyn based artist and publisher. He runs CRAM books which publishes funny, honest and sad risograph comics and artbooks.



Anna Firth - @TALLGRILL San Francisco Bay Area-based animator and drawer. Anna teaches animation at California College of the Arts.



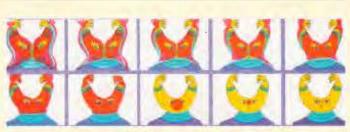
Sofya Baychuk - @_AWHALER_ Animation artist and a plant lover based in Angouleme, looking for stories behind it all.



Dominica Harrison - **@NICAHARRISON** BAFTA-nominated director who exercises play as the main approach to creating work. She works interdisciplinary, between animation, illustration, printmaking and installation to create immersive and multidimesional art. She lectures Illustration at MMU and MA Animation at LCC.



Mo Riza - @MONDOMATIC New York City based street artist. He works across the mediums of drawing, sculpture and photography.



Dal Park-@DALPARKAnimation director and illustrator based in
Berlin whose work uses humour and odd
characters to make sense of the everyday life.

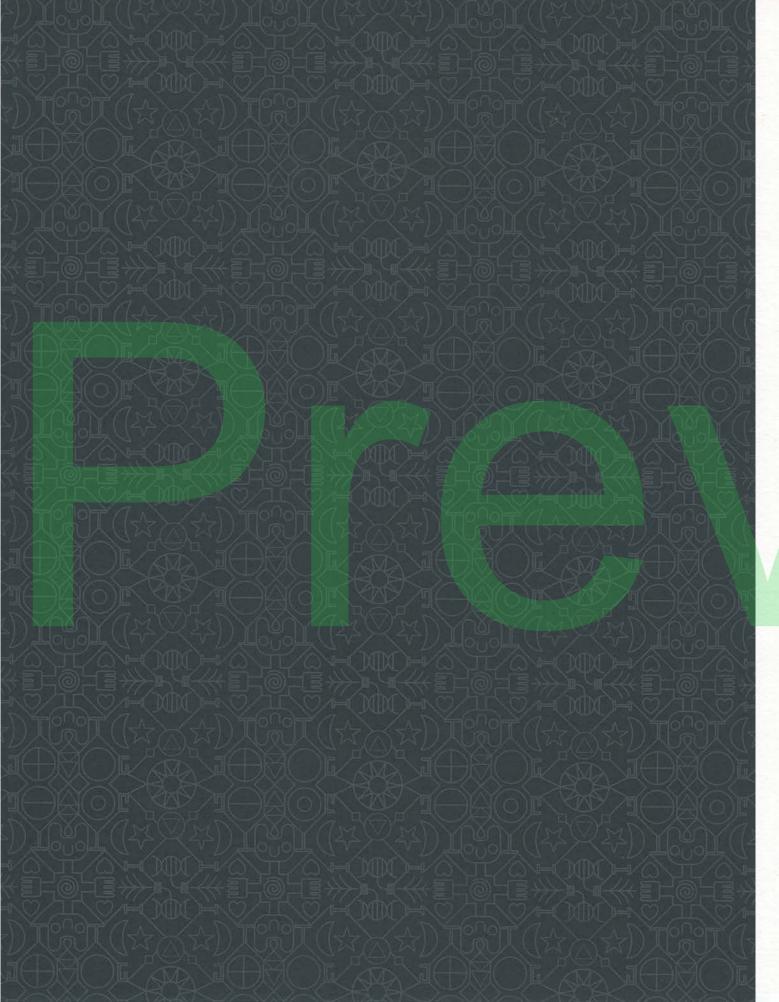


Christopher Rainbow - @CHRISTOPHER_RAINBOW Artist and illustrator with a particular interest in visual storytelling, and is the publisher of the Risograph comics press, Sputnikat based in Moscow.



Ben Thompson - **@BYE.BT** Multidisciplinary artist, illustrator, lecturer and occultist, utilising *The Work* as a conduit for their personal Magickal practice. They lecture in Animation + Illustration at the University of Bolton.





PREFACE:

'In The Garden: Giggles In The Greenery' is the inaugural book of the graphic anthology 'Anima Mundi', exploring inter-species communication between humans, plants, fungi, and minerals.

The inspiration for this anthology arose from my ongoing exploration of the more-than-human world. Until very recently, humans have arrogantly considered themselves the sole possessors of intelligence. However, decades of scientific advancements in biological and behavioural sciences, alongside a growing appreciation for non-western systems of knowledge, have proven that it is not the case. We are finally starting to embrace the existence of many other entirely different to our own forms of intelligence, communication, and ways of being.

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'In The Garden' specifically explores entheogenic plants and their potential to expand consciousness. Every plant featured in the book has has a rich history of medicinal use, acting as guides, helpers, and teachers for those seeking knowledge. These plants have enabled humans to probe the mysteries of consciousness, bridging human experiences with a greater sense of the Spirit and facilitating our recognition, acceptance, and engagement with the more-than-human world.

Seraphina invites you to join her as she wonders through the garden, probing and pondering the flora that our ancestors have utilised as folk medicines and ritual sacraments, helping them to understand that the world extends beyond humanities narrow field of perception. Seraphina recognises that expanding our perception of consciousness allows us to see ourselves as part of the larger organic whole, where all life is woven, interconnected and infinite. She hopes that as you follow her journey, you too will contemplate this perspective.

Let this book be an invitation to wonder and Seraphina be a guide for the curious.

Dominica Harrison.

The visual essays presented in this book are a depiction of in-depth historical, mythological, and spiritual research into the origins of each medicine. The result is designed to entertain and inform - not provide medical advice.

'In The Garden' is initiated, curated, and designed by Dominica Harrison. Featuring work by Yu Sun, Andy Alexander, Kim Noce, Ben Thompson, Sofya Baychuk, Ala Nunu, Dal Park, Chris Rainbow, Mo Riza, Eleanor Mulhearn, Anna Firth and Dominica Harrison. Inlay pattern by Ben Thompson.





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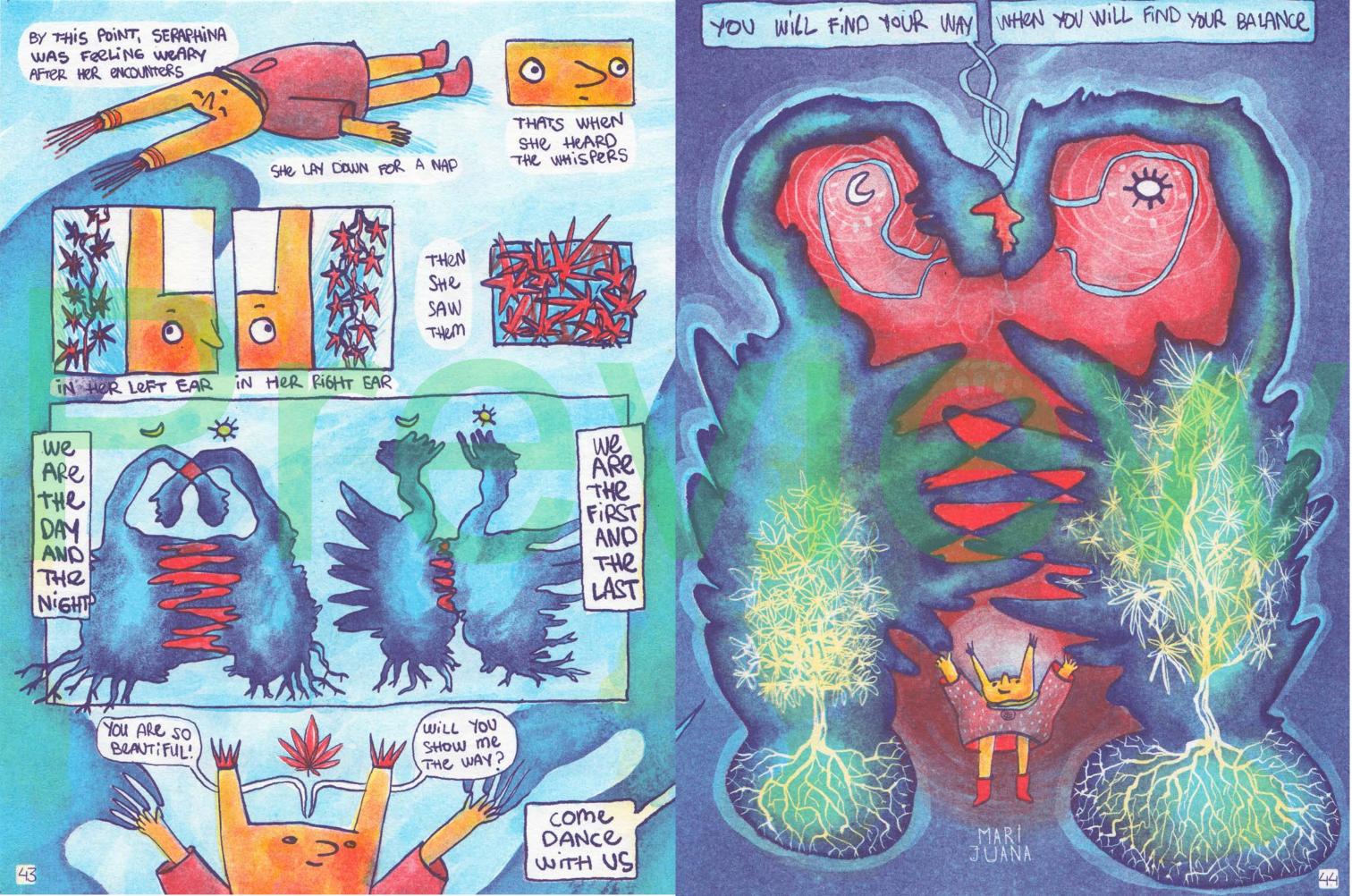


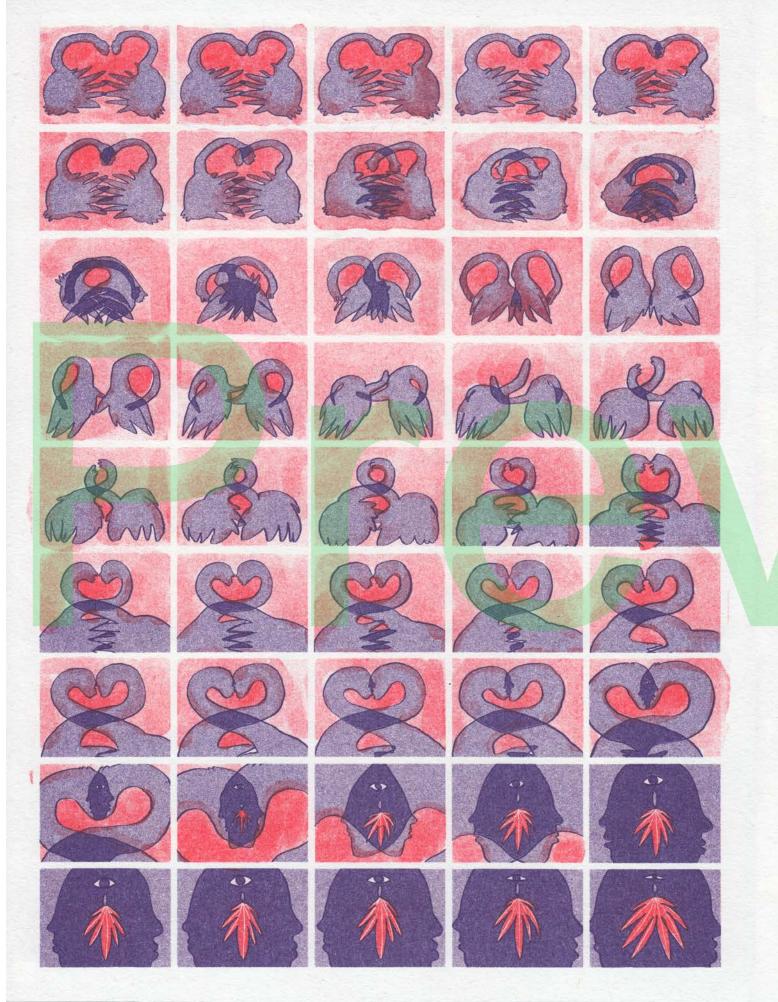
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Alienation from nature and the loss of the experience of being part of the living creation is the greatest tragedy of our materialistic era ... Therefore I attribute absolute highest importance to consciousness change. ... I am convinced that these soul-opening, mind-revealing substances will find their appropriate place in our society and our culture. - Dr. Albert Hofmann



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