

SOMSARA RIELLY

COLLAGE, MIXED MEDIA & VISUAL ARTIST
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b. 1974, CT

Somsara Rielly is a Los Angeles artist, designer & all-around seeker whose given name means “the eternal cycle of birth, suffering, death and rebirth” in Sanskrit. Pulling from personal narrative as well as a lifelong collection of vintage paper and ephemera, her work invites the eye to linger on and re-contextualize the familiar. As seen in the mid-century ideal much of her imagery references, rarely are things as they appear. Her collage and mixed-media work weaves in layers of interpretation, hidden messages, and plays with the seemingly random connections between things. Propelled by a daily meditation practice and keen interest in mysticism, Somsara has a deep desire to find magic in the everyday that surrounds us, while exploring the profound inner world that exists in each of us.

EDUCATION

- 2013 Love for the Drawing Line, Art Center Pasadena
Contemporary Illustration, Art Center Pasadena
- 2011 Collage and Assemblage Art Center, Pasadena CA
- 1994 AA, Platt College, Graphic Design, Los Angeles, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Paper Route*, ArtShare Los Angeles, CA
Summer Salon, ArtShare Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Spirit: Art Afterlife*, Gold Bug Gallery, Pasadena, CA
- 2019 *The Universe is In Us*, sp[a]ce gallery Pasadena, CA
Post It Show, GR2 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 Machamux Gallery, Online Curated Exhibition
Post It Show, GR2 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *The \$100 Show*, Co-Lab Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Post It Show, GR2 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 *In The Mix*, Good Eye Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Post It Show, GR2 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 *ArtDesign365*, Wallspace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (Solo Exhibition)
- 2010 *Los Angeles Loteria*, (Three Exhibitions:) Burt Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA;

INTERVIEWS

- 2021 *Meet Somsara Rielly* ShoutoutLA Interview
- 2019 Artist Interview *The Universe is In Us*, sp[a]ce gallery Pasadena, CA
- 2018 *How Perfect is Boring* Machamux Gallery Artist Interview
Voyage LA Interview

AWARDS

- 2022 AI/AP Winner, *Candlelighthouse*, International Motion Award
- 2019 AI/AP Winner, *Spin Cycle*, Illustration