

J R Shepherd

b: October 1984



Tipping POint. Hydrangea, Watercolour, Gouache, Charcoal (2019)

WHAT I DO

Predominantly a painter, I enjoy playing with light and scale to create intimate, poetic engagements between people and their natural environment. I make works that bring us closer to the mystical, the irrational and the sublime.

Around my creative axis spin ideas about longing and desire, and being lost or overly confined, which are concurrent with the ridiculously mundane trivia of the everyday. My time devoted to a Masters' degree in science has allowed me to be able to blend this more logical, rigid understanding of the world with that of the mythological; crossing boundaries and producing works that I consider to be more holistic and poetic in their approach.

I also work on a number of other projects outside the realm of flowers. I am a writer, publisher and curator and travel widely, collaborating with institutions, artists and scientists around the world in their work.

NOT JUST WATERCOLOURS

The works of artist J R Shepherd mix botany, landscape, astronomy and scale and are permeated with the qualities of romanticism, longing and curiosity. The themes of light and dark engage with myths and dreams in order to explore what it is to yearn for sensibility and emotion in an increasingly soulless automated world.

Jessica R. Shepherd is a British artist, publisher and botanist. Collaborating with scientists and artists across the world, Jessica's projects consider our place on Earth in the context of time. Often described as a botanical painter, Jessica also works on a number of other projects outside the realm of flowers. She is a writer, publisher and curator. She travels widely, collaborating with institutions, artists and scientists around the world in their work.

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BSc in botany at Plymouth University

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Psyche fire 2019
Oil on canvas
30 x 40"

Cleft.
Hyacinth.
100cm x
100cm.
Watercolour
and Charcoal
on Paper





Cos the
Lettuce.
Watercolour
on Paper
76cm x 56cm



Gooseberries

Watercolour on Paper

76cm x 56cm



The Kiss,
Watercolour on
Paper.

100cm x
150cm



Love in the Mist.
Watercolour on
Paper.

76cm x 56cm



Vitis Vinifera



Ricinus communis

Leafscape - Book Project

Watercolour on Paper

76cm x 56cm



Catalpa bignoniodes

