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Bio and CV

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Julie DeVries is first and foremost a painter and her work finds kinship with Alex Katz, André Derain, and Lois Dodd. DeVries highlights Houston's subtle but ever present natural beauty that often goes unseen. She paints vibrant grasses contained in subdivision medians, small abandoned fields of Texas wildflowers encased by construction fencing, and the tenacious sago palm rooting itself in between the cracks of Houston's oak lined city sidewalks. DeVries engagement with this subject matter right outside her doorstep is exuberant in its thoughtfulness.

As a woman of color and a mother, being in nature has always been how she finds peace and resilience. She has said "Most people don't equate Houston with natural

wonder and beauty but I do. Finding these pockets of gorgeous landscapes in the city is a testament to nature's resilience---that you can find peace and truth anywhere if you look for it."

Julie DeVries received her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago focusing on painting, Latin American art, and art of the African diaspora. She received her MFA in painting and drawing from the University of Houston. DeVries is represented by Jonathan Hopson Gallery, Houston where she has had two solo exhibitions and been included in a number of group exhibitions.

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EDUCATION

- 2007 University of Houston - MFA
- 2003 Butler University Institute For Study Abroad (IFSA)
COPA Program, Argentina
- 2003 School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) - BFA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Morning Fields*
Art League Houston, Houston, TX
- 2021 *The Waiting Place*
Jonathan Hopson Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2017 *Letting Go of Another Dirty Day*
Jonathan Hopson Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2013 Julie De Vries
Lone Star College, North, Houston, TX

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Onsen Confidential*
KAYOKOYUKI Gallery, Tokyo, JP
- 2019 *Who Do We Love?*
Jonathan Hopson Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2018 *Replicator*
Houston City Hall, Houston, TX
- Floating Fields*
1940's Air Terminal Museum, Houston, TX
- Mama: Women in the Arts*
The Union, Houston, TX
- 2017 *Coyote*
Jonathan Hopson Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2014 *Draped up and Dripped Out*
Oak Cliff Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
- 2013 *Austere Measures,*
Oak Cliff Cultural Center, Dallas, TX