Uptick Curated

July Edition

Uptick Curated is a chance to showcase some of the wonderful and talented creators on the UptickNFT.com platform. Each month we pick some of our favourites, ask them about the inspiration behind their work, and share with the community. This is the first of many editions to come.

Let's get into it!

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Tristan | Baju Adat Suku Sumba

We picked this wonderful NFT from the talented Indonesian-born photographer, 'Tristan.' What drew us to this piece is its authentic portrayal of Indonesia, particularly the captivating aspects of Balinese culture. The photographs beautifully capture the essence of daily life, showcasing the intriguing moments and unique charm found throughout the country. Tristan's talent shines through, making this NFT a genuine representation of the wonders of Indonesia that we couldn't resist featuring.

About

"Traditional clothes in Nusa Tenggara Timur is called Baju adat suku sumba. Nusa Tenggara Timur is the southernmost province of Indonesia.

For men, they wear the hinggi kombu cloth wrapped around the waist, tiara patang, and accessories in the form of bracelets. For women, they wear a kemben called ye'e, a sarong-shaped cloth, earrings, and a crescent-shaped headdress".

Created by Tristan

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Motroco | Ride or Die #1

> Motroco is a concept photographer from Tenerife. We absolutely love the entire collection this NFT is from, which is based around the concept of a hollowed chest martyr. Motroco uses various techniques to achieve the desired aesthetic, displaying a lot of creative control, care and attention. Overall, it's a brilliant photograph that leaves the audience curious for more.

About

A concept photograpy collection shot in Tenerife portraying a hollowed chest martyr.
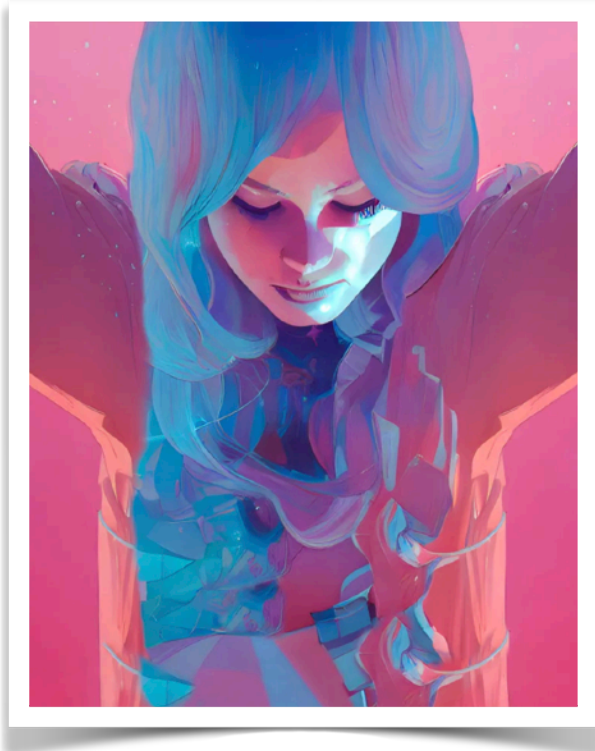
Created by Motroco

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BambooU | <u>Brace</u>

This next piece is from US-based digital artist 'BambooU'. The vibrant colours and thought provoking pose make this a truly awesome piece that we just had to include. After hearing the backstory of the artwork, we fell in love with this NFT even more. It's always great to read a real narrative behind the works. (see below for more details).

About

"My daughter came home from a frustrating shift at work. She vented for about 10 minutes, and I let her get everything out before I said anything. Noticing she seemed calmer, I asked, "Do you feel better after telling that story?" She took a deep breath, leaned against the refrigerator, and "Actually, I do. Thanks for listening." Her pose, leaning against the fridge was the genesis of Brace.

The color choices reflect her change in mood once she dealt with what upset her. There was a visible change. I showed her Brace when it was done, and she said the woman looked like she was "touching grass". Detaching, breathing, resetting our mind are essential to reduce life's stress and focus on what is good, what we may take for granted. We brace, we breathe, we continue."

Created by bambooU

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Oivato Agosto | Outside

> Oivato is an illustrator and comic book artist hailing from Brazil. This particular piece we felt was great. It's surreal, thought provoking and has a very pleasing colour palette. We really liked the concept of the Octopus arm snatching the aeroplane out of the sky. The mix of photography and 3D modelling really brings the image to life and we felt it deserved to be in the spotlight.

About

"At first, I didn't capture the photo with the intention of including anything specific in the scene. I simply merged one of my photographs with a suitable 3D model. However, "Outside" marked the first time I intentionally took a photo while knowing what I would add to it.

Initially, my concept revolved around featuring a tentacle emerging from the window, possibly holding an object. Then, the idea of incorporating an airplane came to mind. My inspiration derives from the notion of introducing horror elements into ordinary spaces, creating a world where monsters are seamlessly integrated into daily life. It's about evoking a sense of fear by placing these creatures in easily accessible locations or portraying the remnants of something terrifying that had once passed through".

Created by oivato agosto

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TB Murphy | <u>Clear Day</u>

US-based digital artist TB Murphy created this piece, and we really love the truly surreal, dream-like nature of this landscape image. A futuristic cityscape lying at the foot of Mount Fuji, with different elements adding to the weird and wonderful nature of the design. A truly creative piece that we hope to see more of in the future.

About

"This was inspired by a captured moment, and a great photo I had, and I wanted to put it in a surreal landscape. So essentially, it was just an exercise in creating a vivid space that only existed in my mind. But to others, I it is a glimpse inside of my mind".

Created by tb murphy

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Fabio Nadari | <u>Yiliang</u>

Fabio is a photographer and drone-operator based in Asia, and is a worthy addition to this series. The vibrant floral colours and aerial nature of this shot make for a truly magnificent piece of photography. Sometimes simplicity is what makes a photograph great, and while this is indeed a simple shot, the colour, aerial perspective and lines/composition really add to the image, making it a wonderful addition to the series.

About

"I'm constantly looking for undiscovered places and untold stories in China and this spot offers both. Located in the Yunnan-Guizhou plateau, these cherry trees blossom in late February thanks to the mild climate of South Western China. The area became a popular touristic spot after the trees were left there and almost forgotten for a few years due to a wrong business deal."
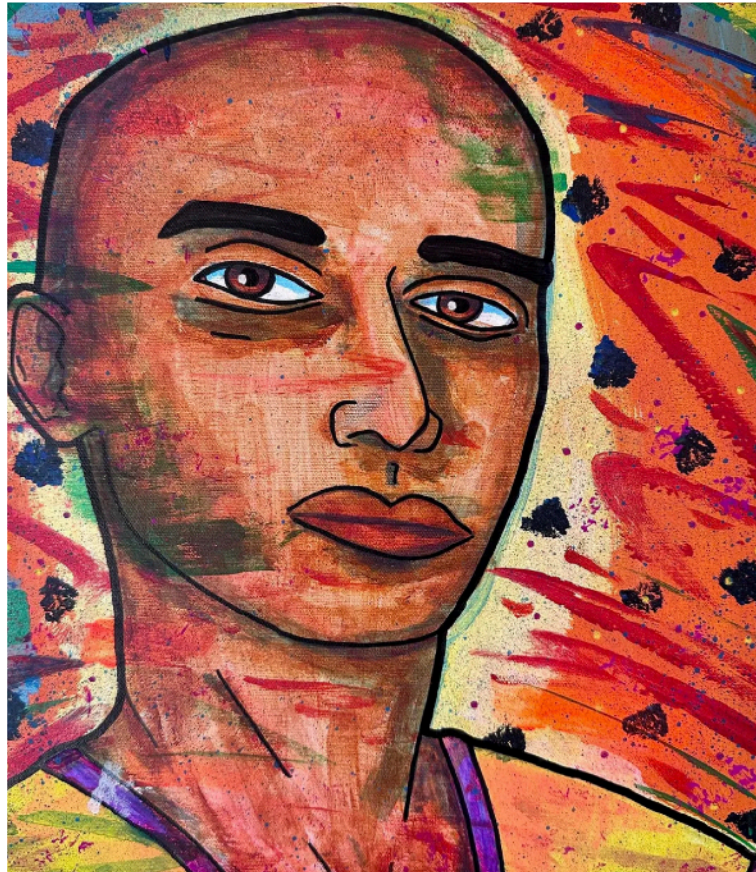
Created by Fabio Nodari

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The Spilt Ink | <u>Kobe Bryant</u>

> Johnny, AKA 'The Spilt Ink' is an artist based in Tokyo, Japan. We love his take on this portrait and it's a style you immediately recognise once familiar with his work. It's not your typical portrait; it's rough around the edges, which we're big fans of. It's different, slightly unusual and the abstract background really adds to the artwork in a beautiful way.

About

"Inspired by graffiti, lucid dreams, comic book art and by the Hollywood glamor photography of George Horrell.

Presenting a challenge to the traditional forms of portrait painting by aggressively rebelling against accuracy and technique thus the title; POPSICK, SICK of the POPULAR".

Created by The Spilt Ink

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Chrispy | <u>Raining Flowers</u>

We thought this was a really thought provoking photograph from SE-Asia-based photographer 'Chrispy'. The composition and colour is really pleasant and invokes different thoughts about what the image could mean. The use of double exposure here is particularly creative, fusing the individual with an umbrella walking through a sky of flowers.

About

"I've always loved double exposures because you can take two completely unrelated images, fuse them together, and the results can often be quite magical. This technique creates a brand new and often surreal perspective. In that, I really enjoy taking a completely normal looking photograph, and turning it into something weird, or other-wordly.

For this particular image, I loved the focus on the woman walking with an umbrella in the bright sunshine, which I then fused with a floral pattern, making it seem like it was 'Raining Flowers', creating a nice juxtaposition between the two images. I really liked the end result of this one, and feel I captured the surreal elements I was hoping for".
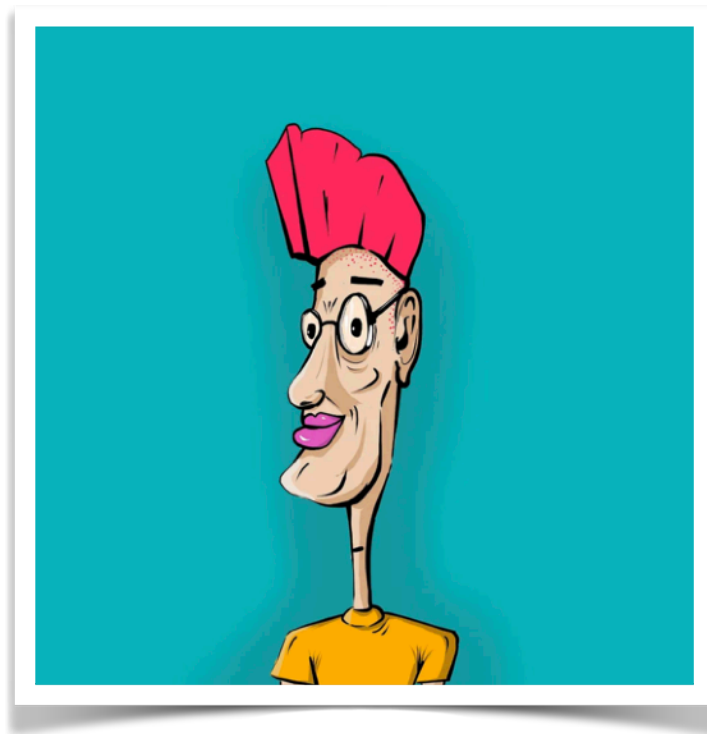

Created by Chrispy

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The Monk | Jimmy Cold Lips

We had to include something from this UK-based artist 'The Monk'. The collection the NFT is from is a whacky, weird and wonderful bunch of hand drawn characters, all with their own unique narrative and style. We thought the creativity here was great, and the vibrant colours used were extremely pleasant. One could imagine it as a character from a cartoon series, and the description really brings it to life.

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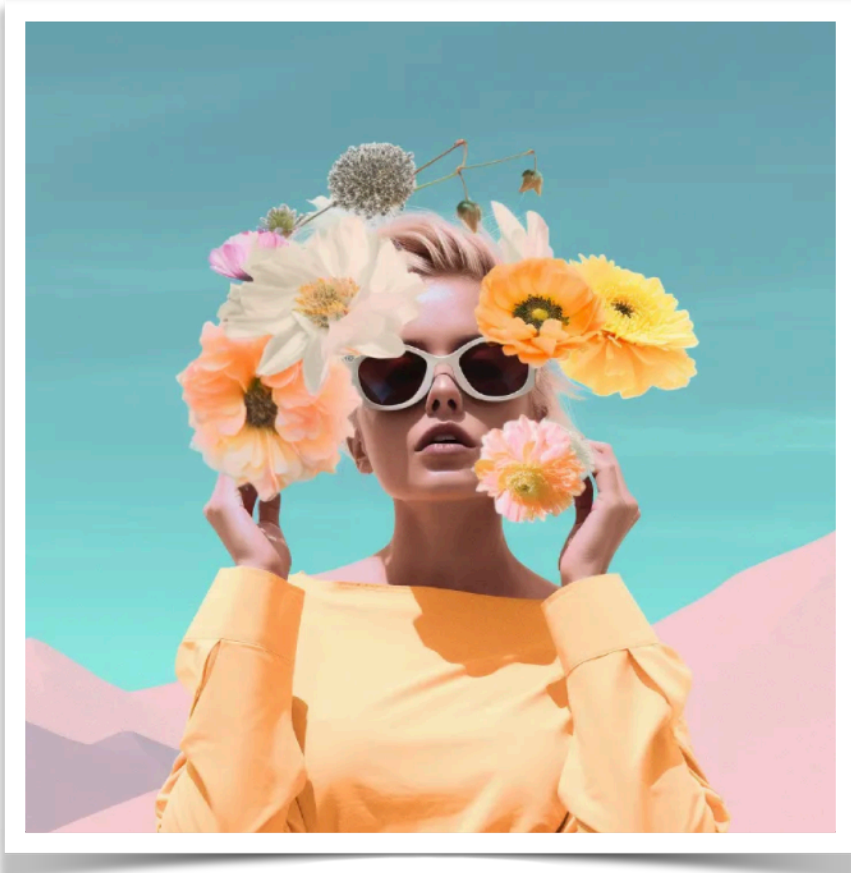
Created by whoisthemonk

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AbstractLoop3D | <u>Fashion Girl</u>

This piece we feel wouldn't be out of place on the cover of Vogue, or similar fashion magazines. The muted colour palette, in conjunction with the pose makes for a brilliantly composed image. We love the flowers blossoming from the head, subtly working in unison with the pastel colour scheme, which really completes the overall feel of the artwork.

About

"Generative artwork that captivates the senses and challenges the imagination. Inspired by the ephemeral beauty of floating flowers, it seamlessly blends the elegance of fashion with the surreal world and a cinematic aesthetic. On the digital canvas, a model dazzles with her presence, evoking the bold and sophisticated style of iconic Vogue covers. Her figure is immersed in a surreal landscape where exquisite flowers float in the ether, creating an intriguing contrast between human grace and ethereal nature".

Created by abstractloop3d

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