



Urduja Manaoag is an American/Filipina multi-disciplinary artist born 1981 in Detroit US.

Currently lives and works in Europe. Mainly a practicing artist, she is also a researcher and developer for InPAR - International Philippine Art Resource a web-based project for Contemporary Philippine Arts and Culture. Areas of her research include aspects of the Filipino Diaspora and its relationship to the Internet, institutional theory, working conditions and the socio-political intersections between artistic and curatorial practices.

Extended Biography

I began performing music and getting involved in studio arts at an early age. While my family moved to a suburb outside of the city, I often visited back – fascinated by the unique culture of Detroit coffee houses, music and art venues, abandoned spaces, border to Canada and many more places that still inspire me today. Eventually, I moved back to the inner city before travelling around America and living in California for five years, where I studied women’s issues and painting. In 2003, I moved to London, England and studied visual arts and electronic music at a private university. I have mostly previously exhibited as a painter and performed music under other alias names.

Recently, I graduated from the [CCC] Critical Curatorial Cybermedia Post Graduate Studies where I was researching and developing for a project I co-founded entitled InPAR - International Philippine Art Resource. Currently, such projects I am involved in with this project are open source educational development, archive restoration/distribution and collaborative practices with other self-organizations. In juxtaposition to my scholarly work, I actively create artistic work where I explore public and private spaces, cultural identity, memory and women’s subjects. I also, recently gave birth to my daughter and live with my husband who is also a practicing artist in Geneva, Switzerland.

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