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Featuring the works of around thirty international artists, *Grow Up* celebrates humans' and plants' fascinating and intricate relationship.

Grow Up gathers almost thirty photographic positions on the movement of plants through the world, a matrix of biodiversity and environmental tensions. Each project foregrounds the relationship between plants and humanity, exploring local and territorial, but also international relationships. This geographic scale underlies narratives and political, social, and environmental issues, as well as post-colonial questions. From the Amazon to Costa Rica to Taiwan, these projects involve psychoactive plants, shamanism, drugs, but also the sensorial exploration of a territory. The relationship to plants is central: they are sacred and lie at the heart of local cultures and beliefs. *Grow Up* aims to cultivate and expand awareness of our relationship with living nature.

From the introduction by **Manuel Rivera-Ortiz:**

From the beginning of human existence, we have relied on plants for survival. Plants provide sustenance, refuge, medicine, and even the air we breathe. Throughout history, we have developed a deep and meaningful connection with the natural world, particularly plants. In this exhibition, we explore the many ways humans interact with plants, from the cultivation of crops to the healing properties of herbs and the aesthetics of gardens to the spiritual connections many cultures have with certain plants.

We invite you to learn about ancient herbal medicine practices and plants' role in traditional healing. Discover the beauty and diversity of plant life through stunning photographs and presentations and how we can all create sustainable and environmentally friendly societies.

Established in 2010, the **Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation** aims to encourage committed artists whose gaze challenges us to develop a new vision of the world. By rewarding the dedication and determination of emerging photographers and artists, the Foundation's mission is to support documentary projects that show humanity in motion and capture social, cultural, political and even ecological issues. The images challenge us to question what is sometimes overlooked or forgotten, to offer a singular vision of the world around us, and to give voice to the voiceless and give the opportunity to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged among us—in every community in the world—to be seen and heard.

Included **photographers:**

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Exhibition

Grow Up
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