

LUCY SPARROW



BIOGRAPHY

Lucy Sparrow is one of the most exciting and original contemporary artists working in the UK today. Her practice is quirky yet subversive, luring the viewer in with her tactile, colourful felt creations which belie hard-hitting subjects including the demise of the traditional high street and the fragmentation of community.

Sparrow took the art world by storm in the summer of 2014 with the opening of her fully-stocked felt *Cornershop* in London's East End. With queues around the block and wall-to-wall media coverage, it was both a commercial and critical success.

The Warmongery, a controversial sell-out installation exploring issues around gun control and mental health followed in May 2015. In October 2015, *Madame Roxy's Erotic Emporium* opened its doors in the back streets of London's Soho, recreating an entire sex shop in felt, including a fully-working, animated felt peep show. In 2016, the BBC commissioned Sparrow to recreate the Crown Jewels in felt, to celebrate HRH The Queen's official 90th birthday.

In May 2017, Sparrow undertook her first solo show in the US, opening *The Convenience Store*, a New York bodega stocked with 9,000 felted artworks. The bodega dominated the NYC art scene, appearing everywhere from the New York Times to screens on Times Square. Returning to the US in August 2018, Sparrow opened *Sparrow Mart*, a fully-felted supermarket in Downtown Los Angeles, comprising 31,000 hand-painted works.

December 2018 saw Sparrow's work unveiled in the windows of the Hermés flagship store on Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills. *Triple Art Bypass* made headlines at Miami Art Week, an installation piece that involved the artist performing 'live' surgery to crowds at Context Art Fair.

In 2019, Sparrow created the cover artwork for the spring issue of Juxtapoz magazine and opened her debut museum exhibition *Lucy Sparrow's Felt Imaginarium* at M Woods in Beijing, China. Meanwhile, Rockefeller Centre in NYC played host to *Lucy's on 6th*, a fully-stocked felt deli and immersive art experience.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021

The Bourdon Street Chemist, Lyndsey Ingram, London

2019

Lucy's Delicatessen, Rockefeller Center, New York

Lucy Sparrow's History Of Art, MWOODS Museum, Beijing

2018

Triple Art Bypass, Context Art Fair, Miami

Lucy Sparrow X Hermés, Beverly Hills

Sparrow Mart, Downtown Los Angeles

2017

SCOPE, Miami

Selfridges, A Gift for London Christmas

Alice + Olivia, New York Fashion Week

The Convenience Store, Manhattan, New York

2016

Bacardi & Swizz Beatz presents *No Commission*, London
SCOPE, Miami

Juxtapoz x Superflat, Vancouver Art Gallery

Shoplifting, Lawrence Alkin Gallery, London

SCOPE, Basel

Art Car Boot Fair, London

The One Show, BBC London

Le Sex Shop Feutré, Station 16 Gallery, Montreal

2015

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Madame Roxy's Erotic Emporium, London

The Warmongery, London

2014

The Cornershop, London

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