FLOWER

FLOVVER. is the botanical design studio founded in Rome by Barbara Mattei. The studio pursues a radically minimalist aesthetic research, characterized by a conceptual approach, influenced by Barbara Mattei's studies and background in contemporary art. The botanical element is as crucial as the idea itself: floral design, according to FLOVVER's vision, is a fluid discipline that blurs the boundaries between design and art. Flowers emerge from their traditional confines to find new placements; the purely decorative aspect, typically associated with floral elements, is transcended in favor of compositions that are often rough and unconventional. The installations and setups designed by the studio, regardless of their size, are recognizable for their masses of material, monochromatic and/or singlespecies, essential lines, a constant surreal element, and a strong conceptual component.





lava stone, vitalba clematis, rope

The hardness of the stone evokes the destructive power of the volcano, a silent yet menacing protagonist, both feared and loved, an essential point of reference for those who dwell near it. The clematis, with the softness and purity of its achenes, symbolises the relentless cycle of life that, despite everything, is reborn, regenerates, and renews itself. The Kinbaku Flowers speak of an ambivalent bond, a double thread that inseparably ties fragility and strength, destruction and rebirth.

Kinbaku Flower / Vesuvio Vitalba, 2024 Tramandars Creative Stay Photo FLOVVER



pine branches, black, rope, mirror

Here, it is the wood, blackened by fire, that resists despite the destructive power of the Volcano, evoked by the fire and the arrangement of the branches. Suspended between life and death. The Kinbaku Flowers speak of an ambivalent bond, a double thread that inseparably ties fragility and strength, destruction and rebirth.

Kinbaku Vesuvio, 2024 Tramandars Creative Stay Foto FLOVVER

amaranto

Sul valorizzare risorse ignorate. Il disegno botanico richiama la continuità del ciclo naturale e la circolarità del tempo e del raccolto. Un'installazione aerea che fonde estetica ed etica invitando ad una riflessione sulla circolarità e l'inclusività alimentare. L'amaranto è considerata poco, spesso vista come un'erbaccia, è resa qui protagonista per il suo alto potenziale estetico e ancor più nutrizionale. Una pianta resistete che prospera con poche risorse, con un'alta capacità generativa. La scelta di questa pianta incarna la filosofia del foraging, che attinge alla natura senza forzarla, valorizzando risorse dimenticate eppure di grande ricchezza.

> Amaranth, 2024 FAO / World Food Forum '24 Foto FLOVVER







yarrow, parquet

Eight hundred specimens of dried achillea sprouting from a section of parquet: Vetulonia is a project born for a Roman interior that reinvents itself each time, according to the specific needs of the chosen space. Unexpected, like Buñuel's surrealism that likens nature's intrusion into an interior to a flock bursting into a living room.

Vetulonia, 2024 The residence of the Italian Ambassador, Copenhagen An Italian Affair curated by Claudia Pignatale 3 days of design Photo Serena Eller

vine, wool

Vines as a pretext: to reconnect spaces, gestures, dimensions, threads, and fabrics with the sense and origin of materials. Gathering from nature means bending down to honor, taking care, repairing, being grateful, accepting limits, both our own and others', knowing how to uphold the bond. Because humans are intruders, constantly disorderly, compared to the flows of self-becoming, context, and others. And it is for this reason that in truth, it is nature that resonates, heals,

Ligamen, 2024 Bilulu Atelier, Rome Photo Stefano Delia





fritillary, panicum, poppy, chrysanthemum, steel, wire, oven

Aestheticherbaria, frontal compositions in steel cups unveiled inside high-end ovens. They take center stage as small industrial stages, illuminated upon the appliance's opening. The three pieces celebrate three epochs of art history—Renaissance, Art Nouveau, and Pop Art—with green and colorful elements. The synthesis piece is So Contemporary.

Reneissance, Nouveau, Pop, So Contemporary, 2024 Gaggenau Showroom, Rome Photo Stefano Delia protea, rope

Inspired by the works of Japanese photographer and filmmaker Nobuyoshi Araki, Kinbaku Flower guides us in search of the beauty of the knot, its twists that embrace and connect the senses, intertwining plant material and its delicacy with the concrete strength of the rope.

> Kinbaku Flower, 2024 The Hoxton, Rome Photo Stefano Delia





wisteria, rope

Hanging taut on vibrant yellow ropes, two wisteria branches yearn for the sun, reconnecting with the surrounding environment. An exaltation of nature crystallizes, once again highlighting the beauty of the tension that binds and simultaneously liberates the plant material.

> Kinbaku Flower, 2024 Interno1, Rome Ikonica studio Photo Flavia Rossi







daucus, parquet, water

A surprising element out of context, nature blooming anew from the artificial: a carpet of wild carrot flowers you can't walk on, domesticated, meant to be admired..

Vetulonia, 2023 Vetulonia House, Rome Architect Manuela Tognoli Photo Edi Solari freesia, foam, kraft paper

Bare, like a body without clothes, like green stems in wet foam without their vase. Beauty that doesn't hide. In plain sight.

> Naked, 2018 Magazine MMM Male Model Scene Shooting styling Lorenzo Spitoni Photo Daniele Bonanni







amaranth

Amaranth becomes velvet, colored by its surroundings, imbued with a mood where the plant element, with a touch, seems to turn into fabric.

Blue velvet, 2023 LLL House, Rome Architect Studio Tamat Photo Studio Eller barley, brass, kenzan

Eating gold, feeding on yellow light, savoring the essence of wheat spikes by observing them for a long time: alchemy on the plate transformed into mobile elements, using the power of awareness.

> *Citrinitas,* 2020 Achilli al Parlamento, Rome Chef & Concept Tommaso Tonioni Photo Stefano Delia







ozothamnus rosmarinifolius, metal rod

A small cloud of pink rice flowers, light, like cotton candy, floating above things and thoughts. Soft, monochromatic, ethereal.

Tiny pretty cloud, 2018 Giulia Barela Showroom, Rome Brand Giulia Barela Jewelry Photo Stefano Delia oak, ceramic, lichen

A botanical installation with ceramic grafts and crumbling lichen. The creation molds to the shapes of the natural element, unaltered except by the act of being repositioned.

> *Cerami*, 2019 Ex-Lavatoio, Rome Photo Slow Pictures Studio







beech, saltbush, sorghum, cattail, neon, gelatin

A fashion show delves into the lagoon, becoming a walk among sorghum, breathing in the marsh, brushing against cattails. In an enclosed space, it feels like exploring a place with a salty, waterlogged atmosphere at sunset, continuing to live a dream.

Loradoro, 2023 Fashion Show Alysi Spring24 Showroom Alysi Photo Valerio Polici

aluminium, honesty, mirrow

Walking, reflected in a crescent moon, following the whisper of a gentle breeze, like dawn on an iridescent morning when the sun is still lazy and decides to sleep in a bit longer.

> Shiny winter mobile, 2023 Fashion Show Alysi Autumn24 Showroom Alysi Photo Valerio Polici




oak, wire

Ceramics and oak leaves, metal and rose hips, creating a constant balance of highs and lows.

Fall, not fall, 2018 CNF Ceramiche Nicola Fasano for Dishes Only Photo Maurizio Mauriz garland, steel, orchid, paint

Pop and sophisticated, common and refined: two contrasting masses, two opposite textures, two elements and two patterns. The concept of duality revealed in every composition, like opposites attracting.

> *Gold Xmas,* 2022 Villa Agrippina Gran Melià, Rome Photo Cristina Crippa









hook, plane, beech, linden

Connecting. Becoming one while maintaining individual movement. Grafts. Different essences communicating, openly connecting while leaving space. Defined only by color, flat and without shades, linking the artificial to the natural.

Innesti pink, 2019 Alysi store, Milan Photo Alysi ceramic

Three vases to flip for three more. Each with a little window to look out, to let a flower peek through, to interact with light. All dedicated to those who still believe in crossing paths.

> Carmen, Mimmo e Domenico, 2019 Prod. CNF Ceramiche Nicola Fasano Photo Maurizio Maurizi







lotus, daucus, wire, kenzan

Floating in the air, two lotus leaves trace their existence and crystallize, fragile and imperfect. It's the beauty in transience, the importance of the ephemeral, the impermanent play of seconds in space.

Embracing the imperfection, 2019 Tentuta Bianca Olivia, Florence Project & Styling Silvia Baroncelli e Samuele Spadi Photo Gradisca Portento anthurium, iris, rose, carnation, amaranth

Love - yourself

I am Valentine, 2021 progetto personale Foto Stefano Delia





lunaria

A chandelier of lunaria, a jewel under the night light, hanging, reflecting the history and shades of the ceiling from which it sways and vibrates silently.

Fresco, 2017 Giulia Barela Showroom, Rome Photo Stefano Delia

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