



Magic with mycelium

"In a sense, mushrooms have a lot of 'friends' in the ecosystem," says the Chinese-American photographer Phyllis Ma about her inspiration for her series of fungi focused still lifes *Mushrooms & Friends*. Her technicolour-lit, dream-like compositions, on show at *Images Vevey*, the Swiss visual arts biennial, until 29 September, are often arranged with flowers and food to express fungal colonies' mysterious but essential role in the environment.

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