

Welcome to Madrid

The 12-metre sculpture by Jaume Plensa, called *Julia*, came to the Plaza de Colón in December 2018. The famous sculptor's work, with the sponsorship of the María Cristina Masaveu Peterson Foundation and the collaboration of Madrid City Council, rests on the pedestal that used to be occupied by the statue of the Genoese navigator and will initially remain there until 20 December 2023.

Made from polyester resin and white marble dust, *Julia* is the first sculpture of this kind by Plensa to be shown in Spain. The choice is meant to lead to the development of similar projects in the future. In the words of the artist himself,– '*Julia* is conceived of as a work to inspire personal, intimate, reflection in the hectic rhythm of the public space.'

Born in Barcelona in 1955, Jaume Plensa studied at Escola de la Llotja and the Reial Acadèmia Catalana de Belles Arts de Sant Jordi. The internationally renowned winner of the Velázquez Prize for Visual Arts in 2013 held his first exhibition in Barcelona in 1980. Since then, he's lived and shown his work in Germany, Belgium, England, France and USA. Now he's back in Barcelona. In his sculptures, Plensa works with materials, ideas and emotions, as well as with references to literature and poetry, music, or the history of thought.

Julia is the first step in a new art programme launched by the City of Madrid to show, for an entire year, a sculpture selected by public tender on the base that used to hold Columbus's statue at Plaza de Colón. In its first three editions, the project is being sponsored by Fundación María Cristina Masaveu Peterson (FMCMP).

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Practical Information

When

Until 20 December 2023

Address

Plaza
de Colón
28004

Telephone

Email

Metro

Colón (L4)
Serrano (L4)

Cercanías (local train)

Madrid-Recoletos

Prices

Free

Type

Exhibitions
Sculpture

Where

Plaza de Colón

Tourist area

Barrio de Salamanca

Fax

Website

[https://www.fundacioncristinamasaveu.com/
portfolio/julia-de-jaume-plensa/](https://www.fundacioncristinamasaveu.com/portfolio/julia-de-jaume-plensa/)

Bus

1, 5, 9, 14, 19, 21, 27, 37, 45, 51, 53, 74,
150, C03, N1, N4, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26

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Times

All day



