

Juli Szatmari, Hungarian Singer-Songwriter based in Bielefeld, Germany, began writing her own music at the age of 12. Since then she has been composing about what's moving her: let it be love, money, politics or being a bird, deep and at times hard lyrics are combined with warm melodies.

Her first album was released in Hungary in 2016 where she has won several music competitions for her songwriting, including Peron Music Talent Contest 2013 and Hangfoglalo Music Contest in 2013. This made it possible for her to perform at several well-known festivals like FEZEN, VOLT Festival or the Valley of Arts. Her first single "[Hadd legyenek](#)" made it to the list of the "Top 100 most-played songs" in 2014. The band had the honour to perform a nationwide broadcasted live radio concert at [Radio Petöfi](#). Besides touring with the band Juli also played solo concerts, e.g. at the well-known concert venue boat [A38](#) in Budapest.

2017 Juli moved to Bielefeld, Germany where she started a new life: with all the ups and downs a new beginning has in store. Definitely it means new music: the current album is called "Monkey Business". We've all experienced some of it during the last years. Juli was inspired by the politics in Hungary, the Covid crisis, the craze of the allegedly "sane and rational" world of business. It seems absurd and paradox if observed from a distance; which is what Juli is doing through her music.

And sometimes the verdict seems even positive. „There's no denying of the little voice inside" – our inner voice, our conscience, the inner compass is always working and always holds an answer to our questions. The album is closing with the song called "In the Deep". The poetic persona is looking for the fire, motivation, for truth in their emotions and finally concludes: „I'll find it in the deep: my love, my fire".

Yes, the world is going crazy. It's a fickle, inconsistent, erratic place – well, it's Monkey Business. Still let's hold on to this thought: „Life is too short to live half-heartedly".  
Let's hear it for a fully lived life!

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Hyperlinks used:

Hadd legyenek: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMN1ZTW-jMw>

Radio Petöfi: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09KJOVWaThA>

A38: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=347LRB1fgx0>