

## Stephanie Guillen Artist Statement

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The idea that sceneries, images, and objects are not always what they seem at first glance, fascinates me. Inspired by the daily flood of impressions, colors and shapes that characterize our perception and awareness, I use my camera as a tool to create a differentiated approach to reality and to unveil the magic of equivocal sight.

Through reflections, layers, dimensions, abstractions, and the play of light and darkness I find and open a portal to an intermediate and surreal world. My work reveals what's hidden behind the obvious.

Look twice, and new contexts will be formed and new worlds will emerge.

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 "Bloom", Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS  
"That Which Surrounds You", A Virtual Exhibition, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA  
"Abstract", International Juried Art Competition, Art Show International, Los Angeles, CA (Online Exhibition)  
"Exposed", Marin Society Of Artists, San Rafael, CA (Online Exhibition)  
"Vision of Self", YSA Yosemite Sierra Artists, Oakhurst, CA (Online Exhibition)  
"Being Human", Pepney Gallery, Cavan, Ireland (Online Exhibition)  
"Landscapes", Contemporary Art Room Online Gallery
- 2020 "The Very Affordable Art Show", Art House Production, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Seasons", 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Online Juried Art Exhibition, J. Mane Gallery  
"A Light in the Darkness", Las Laguna Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA, USA (Online Exhibition)  
"Walk-bye" Nature Walk Outdoor Art Exhibition as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jersey City Art & Studio Tour, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"100 Days of Solitude", Photoworks At Glen Echo Park, MD (Online Exhibition)  
"Suburban Architecture", Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA  
"Textures & Patterns, Contemporary Art Room Online Gallery  
"Mirror Image", Don't Take Pictures Magazine (Online Exhibition)
- 2019 "Little Wonders", LITM, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Escape", Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA  
"Dreamtime", Lys d'Or Art Web Gallery  
"Spring Fling: A fine art collective", Envision Arts Online Gallery  
"2019 All Women", Contemporary Art Gallery Online  
"Open", Contemporary Art Room Online Gallery  
"2019 Juried Exhibition", Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA
- 2018 "Creative Inspiration", Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery, Newkirk, OK, USA (Online Exhibition)  
"2nd Annual Skies Art Exhibition", Fusion Art online gallery, Palm Springs, CA, USA  
Online Annex Exhibition: "Color Space: Contemporary Photography", Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR, USA (Katalog/catalogue)  
"Im Wandel / In Change", Fotofestival Lenzburg, 5600 Lenzburg, Switzerland  
"Black and White", Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery, Newkirk, OK, USA (Online Exhibition)  
"2018 Juried Exhibition", Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA
- 2017 "Best Shot", Juried Photography Exhibition, 1650 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA (Katalog/catalogue)  
"Shadows: Darkness and Light", Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR, USA (Katalog/catalogue)  
"Trees", Juried Photography Exhibition, 1650 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA (Katalog/catalogue)  
"Punctum", PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary  
"Capture the Moment" by "The Stockholm Diary", Galleri Norrskan, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2016 "Hot New Pics Show", Center Gallery at the Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA  
"ARTifact", Darkroom Gallery, Essex Jct., VT, USA (Katalog/catalogue)  
"Nature's Beauty", International Gallery Of The Arts (IGOA), Toronto, Canada (online)  
"Old", A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX, USA (Katalog/catalogue) (photo also selected for printed invitation)  
"18th Annual Collage, Digital & Mixed Media Juried Online International Art Exhibition", Upstream People Gallery (online)  
"2 Year Anniversary Show", The Raven Gallery & Boutique, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Skies", Colors of Humanity Art Gallery (Online Exhibition)
- 2015 "Don't Look Now", Sweet 'Art Gallery / Iklectik Art-Lab, London, UK  
"Freak Show", The Raven Gallery & Boutique, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"BLENDWERKE", Photobastei, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2014 "Guilty Pleasures", Sweet 'Art Gallery / Juno, Shoreditch, London, UK  
Online Annex Exhibition: "The Dark Side - Night Photography", 1650 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
"The Darkness of Art", The Raven Gallery & Boutique, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Broad Views", 58 Gallery, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Art Hump", 58 Gallery, Jersey City, NJ, USA
- 2013 "JCARTIST.org Holiday Show", 313 Gallery, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cathedral Arts Festival 2013", Gallery at Grace Church Van Vorst, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
Online Annex Exhibition: "Reflections: The Visual Echo", 1650 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA

"Dia de los Muertos", LITM, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Art of Darkness", Artworks visual arts center/gallery, Trenton, NJ, USA  
Online Annex Exhibition: "Color: Photography now", Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR, USA  
(Katalog/catalogue)  
"Women in Charge!", SOHO20 Chelsea Gallery, New York, NY, USA  
"Four Word Progress: A Group Change of Perspective", City Hall, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"2013 International Art Festival Competition", 25 CPW Gallery, 25 Central Park West, New York, NY, USA  
"A Time in Arcadia", Curious Matter Gallery, Jersey City, NJ, USA (Katalog/catalogue)  
"City of Life", The Distillery Gallery & Artspace, Jersey City Heights, NJ, USA

2012 "Little Wonders", LITM, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cathedral Arts Festival 2012", Gallery at Grace Church Van Vorst, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Elements", Art House Production, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Dreams of Flight", LITM, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Exploring Faerielands", LITM, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"Art of Illusion", The Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ, USA  
"Atmosphere", Lana Santorelli Gallery, Hoboken, NJ, USA

2011 "Little Wonders", LITM, Jersey City, NJ, USA  
"2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Zombies Photographic Exhibition", The Gallery 13, Asbury Park, NJ, USA  
"Behold the Lens", The Distillery Gallery & Artspace, Jersey City Heights, NJ, USA

## Awards and Honors

2021 Honorable Mention "Abstract", International Juried Art Competition, Art Show International, Los Angeles, CA  
(Online Exhibition) Photographs "Beyond Boundaries" & "Wondrous Landscapes" / May 2021  
Honorable Mention "Landscapes" Art Exhibition, Contemporary Art Room Online Gallery  
Photographs "Abschied" & "Gullveig" / January 2021

2020 Honorable Mention "Seasons", 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Online Juried Art Exhibition, J. Mane Gallery  
Photograph "The Portal" / November 2020

2019 Honorable Mention "Spring Fling: A fine art collective", Envision Arts Online Gallery  
Photographs "Renaissance #1, #2 and #5" / April 2019  
Second Place "Winter Imagination 2019", Art-Competition.net  
Photograph "Winter Magic" / March 2019  
Fourth Place "2019 All Women", Contemporary Art Gallery Online  
Collage "The Green Resort" / March 2019  
Honorable Mention "Open", Art Exhibition, Contemporary Art Room Online Gallery  
Collage "The Green Resort" / February 2019  
Fifth Place "Reflections", Photo-Competition.online  
Photograph "Faked Smiles" / February 2019  
Director's Choice Award "2019 Juried Exhibition", Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS, USA  
Photograph "Bliss" / February 2019

2018 Honorable Mention "Creative Inspiration", Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery, Newkirk, OK, USA (online)  
Collage "Original Desperate Housewife" / August 2018  
Noteworthy "Creative Inspiration", Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery, Newkirk, OK, USA (online)  
Collages "Morphosis" & "The Green Resort" / August 2018  
Honorable Mention 2nd Robert Cornelius Portrait Award / The Photography Gala Awards  
Photograph "Hallowed Perdition"

2016 Second Place Award Certificate / Nature's Beauty Art Contest, International Gallery Of The Arts (IGOA)  
Photograph "Gullveig" / July 2016  
Photo Of The Day (June 23, 2016), Don't Take Pictures Magazine, Photograph "Flaked Off Hope"

2015 Award of Excellence / Finalist Certificate "35<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Photography Contest"  
Photographer's Forum Magazine, photograph "Sublime" (Buch/book "Best of Photography 2015")

2013 Award of Excellence / Finalist Certificate "33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Photography Contest"  
Photographer's Forum Magazine, photograph "Doll Wars" (Buch/book "Best of Photography 2013")  
Editor's Choice "Landscapes", MyArtContest.com / Artist Portfolio Magazine Issue 14, Page 38  
Photograph "Forgiven & Forgotten"  
Show Award Certificate "2013 International Art Festival Competition", 25 Central Park West Gallery, NYC, USA  
Honorable Mention "Photography 2012", MyArtContest.com / Artist Portfolio Magazine Issue 10, page 13  
Photograph "Doll Wars"