

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a long, vertically striped dress and high-heeled shoes, getting into the back seat of a dark-colored car. She is carrying a small brown handbag. The scene is set against a backdrop of modern skyscrapers under a clear sky. A thick vertical red bar runs along the right edge of the image.

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AMONG THE MYRIAD OF DATA COLLECTED BY THE 2010 US CENSUS, ONE FIGURE WAS PARTICULARLY STRIKING: THE HISPANIC POPULATION IN THE US HAD REACHED THE 50 MILLION MARK, MAKING THE LATINO COMMUNITY THE LARGEST MINORITY IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE FIRST TIME. ONE OUT OF EVERY SIX AMERICANS IS NOW OF HISPANIC ORIGIN, AN IMPRESSIVE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION WITH ENORMOUS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CONSEQUENCES.

YET DESPITE GROWING NUMBERS, LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT LATINO REALITY. THEIR IMAGE IS QUITE OFTEN JUST A PROJECTION OF PREJUDICES AND CLICHÉS RATHER THAN AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF A VERY DIVERSE AND CHANGING COMMUNITY.

OBVIOUSLY SPAIN ARTS & CULTURE, THE OFFICIAL SPANISH CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THE US, COULD NOT REMAIN BLIND TO SUCH A FASCINATING PHENOMENON. INTRIGUED AND CURIOUS, WE FELT THE URGE TO KNOW MORE, AND DECIDED TO DO SO USING OUR FAVORITE MEANS: THE ARTISTIC VISION INSTEAD OF THE COLD STATISTICS. WE FELT THERE IS MORE TRUTH IN THE WORK OF EACH PASSIONATE ARTIST THAN IN THE BEST REPORTAGE.

LATINO/US COTIDIANO, THE PROJECT YOU NOW HAVE IN YOUR HANDS, WAS BORN OUT OF THIS QUEST. ON OUR COMMISSION, CLAUDI CARRERAS, PROBABLY THE LEADING EXPERT ON CONTEMPORARY LATINO-AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY, TRAVELED THE COUNTRY EXTENSIVELY SEARCHING FOR THIS ELUSIVE HISPANIC IMAGE. THE RESULT IS A FASCINATING PORTRAIT, A DAZZLING VISUAL WORK OF 12 VERY DIFFERENT PHOTOGRAPHERS DEPICTING A COMMUNITY THAT IS AS MULTIFACETED AS IT IS UNIQUE.

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT COTIDIANO HAS RECEIVED, AND FEEL PARTICULARLY REWARDED BY THE KEEN INTEREST THAT THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY HAS DEVOTED TO THE PROJECT. WE LIKE TO THINK THAT THIS IS A PIONEERING APPROACH TO A NEW FACE OF AMERICA THAT IS CHANGING BEFORE OUR VERY EYES. WE HOPE YOU WILL SHARE OUR ENTHUSIASM.

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ENTRE LOS INNUMERABLES DATOS RECOPILADOS EN EL CENSO ESTADOUNIDENSE DE 2010, DESTACA UNA CIFRA PARTICULARMENTE SORPRENDENTE: LA POBLACIÓN HISPANA DE ESTADOS UNIDOS HA LLEGADO A SUPERAR LOS 50 MILLONES, CONVIRTIENDO POR PRIMERA VEZ A LA COMUNIDAD LATINA EN LA MINORÍA MÁS GRANDE DEL PAÍS. ACTUALMENTE UNO DE CADA SEIS ESTADOUNIDENSES ES DE ORIGEN HISPANO, UNA IMPRESIONANTE TRANSFORMACIÓN SOCIAL, QUE VA A TENER IMPORTANTES CONSECUENCIAS POLÍTICAS, ECONÓMICAS Y CULTURALES.

SIN EMBARGO Y A PESAR DEL CRECIMIENTO DE ESTAS CIFRAS, SE SABE POCO DE LA REALIDAD DE LOS LATINOS. LA IMAGEN DEL COLECTIVO TIENDE A SER EL MERO REFLEJO DE PREJUICIOS Y ESTEREOTIPOS, EN LUGAR DE UN RETRATO FIEL DE UNA COMUNIDAD SUMAMENTE DIVERSA Y CAMBIANTE.

OBVIAMENTE, SPAIN ARTS & CULTURE, EL PROGRAMA CULTURAL OFICIAL ESPAÑOL EN ESTADOS UNIDOS NO PODÍA CERRAR LOS OJOS ANTE UN FENÓMENO TAN FASCINANTE. INTRIGADOS Y CURIOSOS, SENTIMOS LA NECESIDAD DE SABER MÁS Y DECIDIMOS INTENTARLO UTILIZANDO NUESTROS MEDIOS PREFERIDOS: LA VISIÓN ARTÍSTICA POR ENCIMA DE LAS FRÍAS ESTADÍSTICAS. CREEMOS QUE EL TRABAJO DE CADA ARTISTA APASIONADO ENCIERRA MÁS VERDAD QUE EL MEJOR DE LOS REPORTAJES.

LATINO/US COTIDIANO, EL PROYECTO QUE ESTÁ AHORA ENTRE SUS MANOS, NACIÓ DE ESTA BÚSQUEDA. PARA EL PROYECTO, CLAUDI CARRERAS, PROBABLEMENTE EL MÁS DESTACADO EXPERTO EN FOTOGRAFÍA LATINOAMERICANA CONTEMPORÁNEA, RECORRIÓ EL PAÍS DE PUNTA A PUNTA EN BÚSQUEDA DE ESTA ESCURRIDIZA IMAGEN HISPANA. EL RESULTADO ES UN RETRATO FASCINANTE, UNA ASOMBROSA OBRA VISUAL REALIZADA POR 12 FOTÓGRAFOS MUY DIFERENTES ENTRE SÍ QUE RETRATAN A UNA COMUNIDAD QUE ES TAN POLIFACÉTICA COMO ÚNICA.

NOS SENTIMOS SUMAMENTE AGRADECIDOS POR TODO EL APOYO QUE HA RECIBIDO COTIDIANO Y ESPECIALMENTE SATISFECHOS POR EL PROFUNDO INTERÉS DEMOSTRADO POR LA NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY HACIA EL PROYECTO. NOS GUSTA PENSAR QUE SE TRATA DE UN ENFOQUE PIONERO EN EL ESTUDIO DE UNA NUEVA FACETA DE ESTADOS UNIDOS, QUE ESTÁ CAMBIANDO ANTE NUESTROS OJOS. ESPERAMOS QUE COMPARTAN NUESTRO ENTHUSIASMO.

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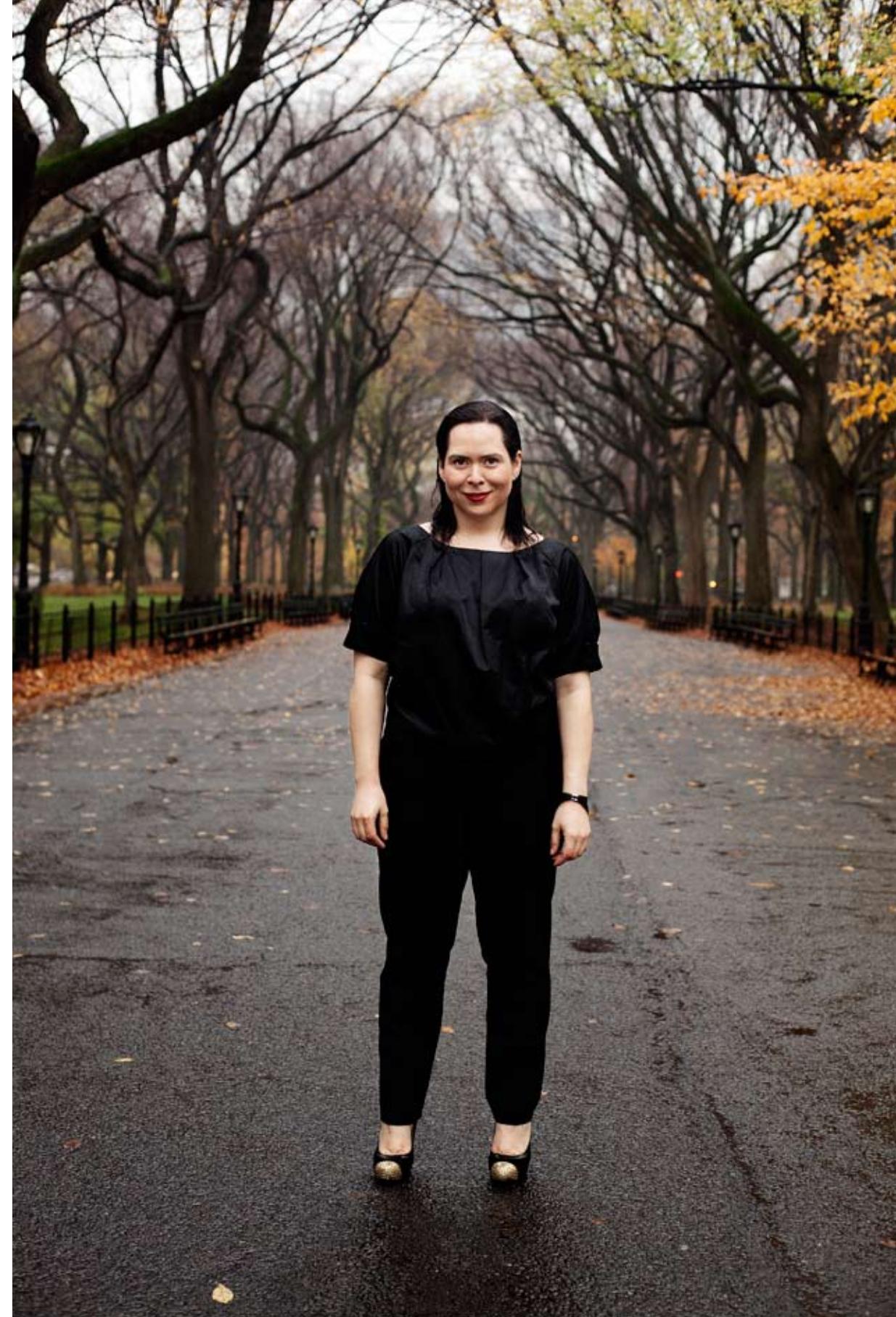






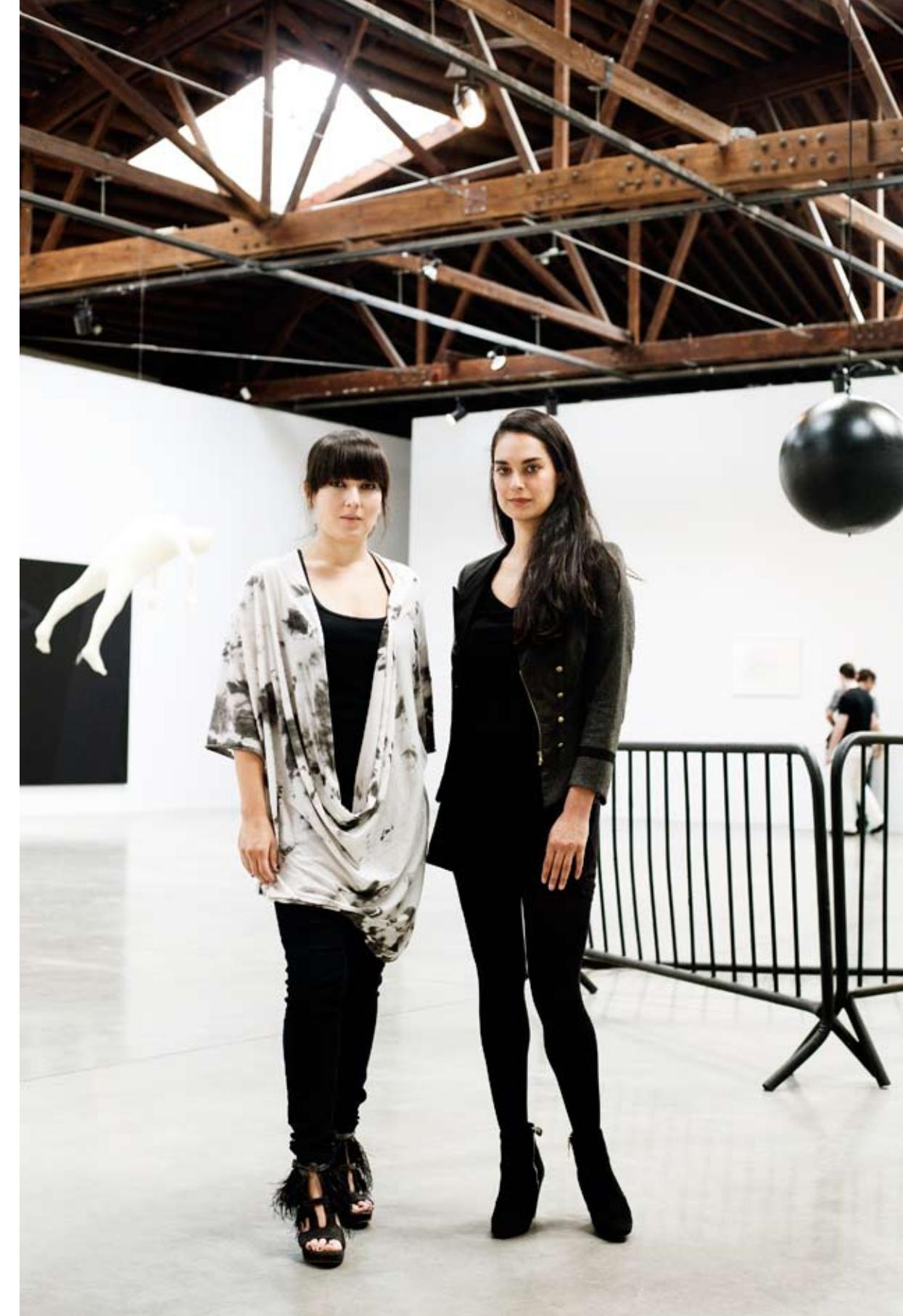


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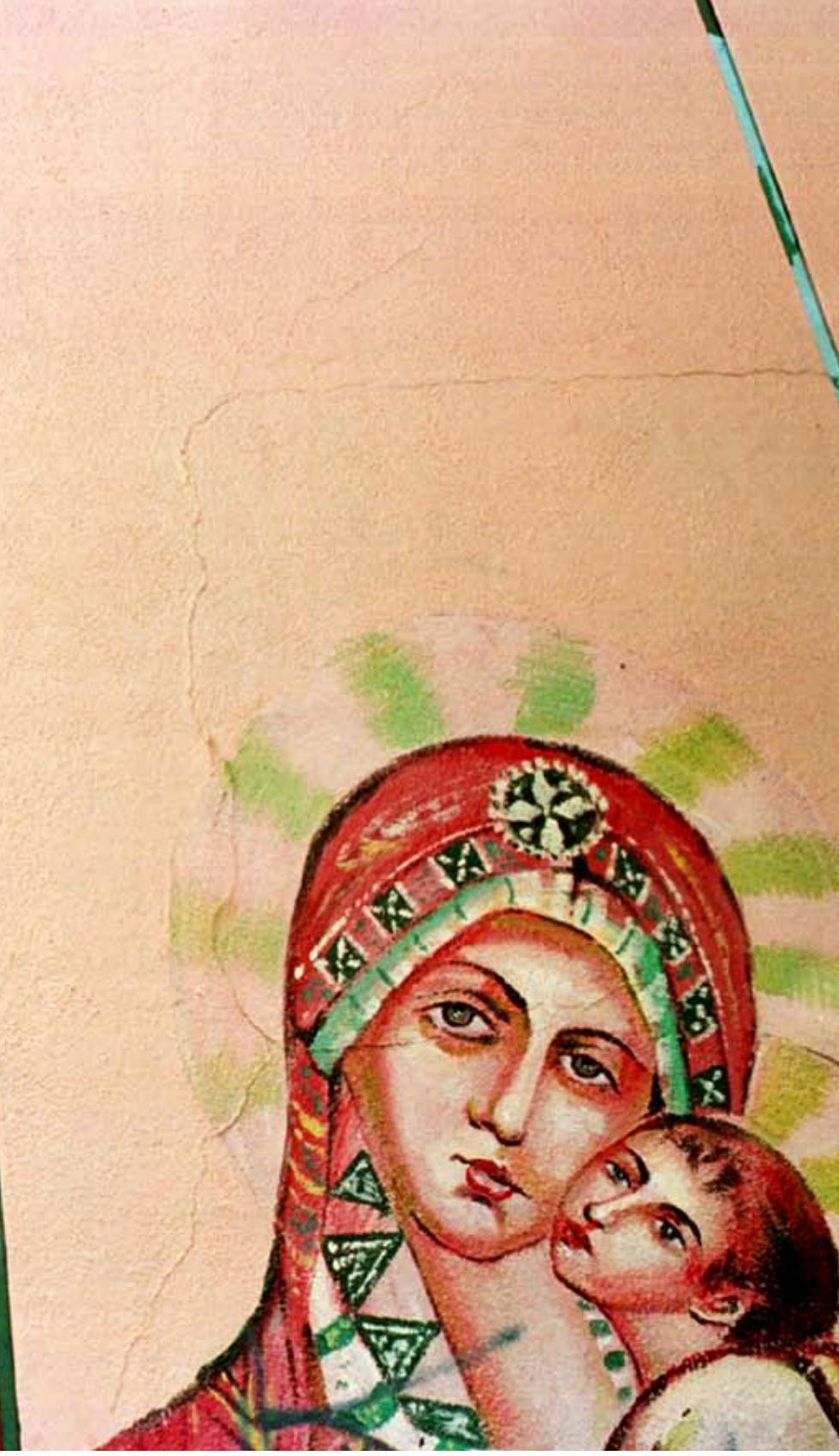




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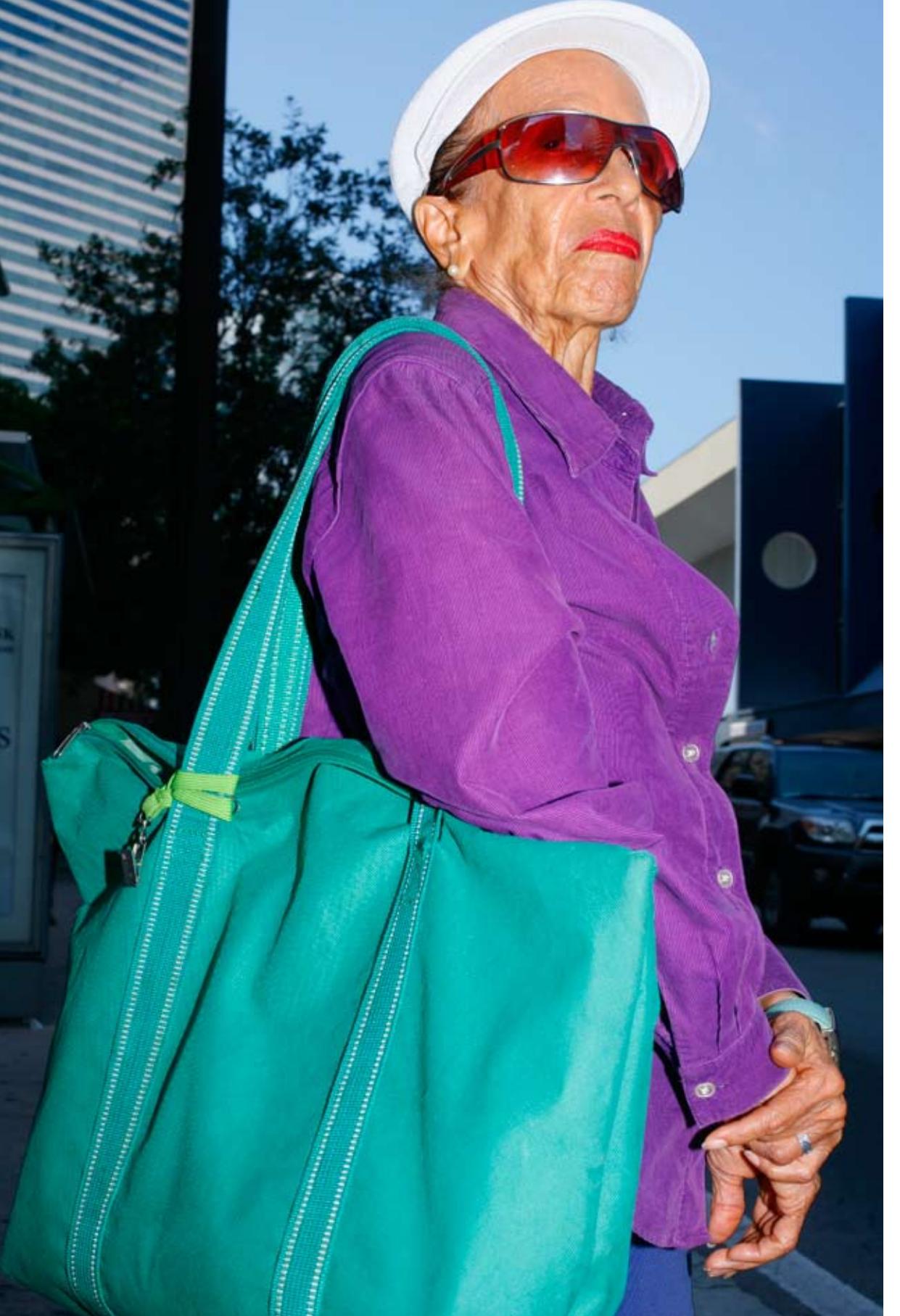


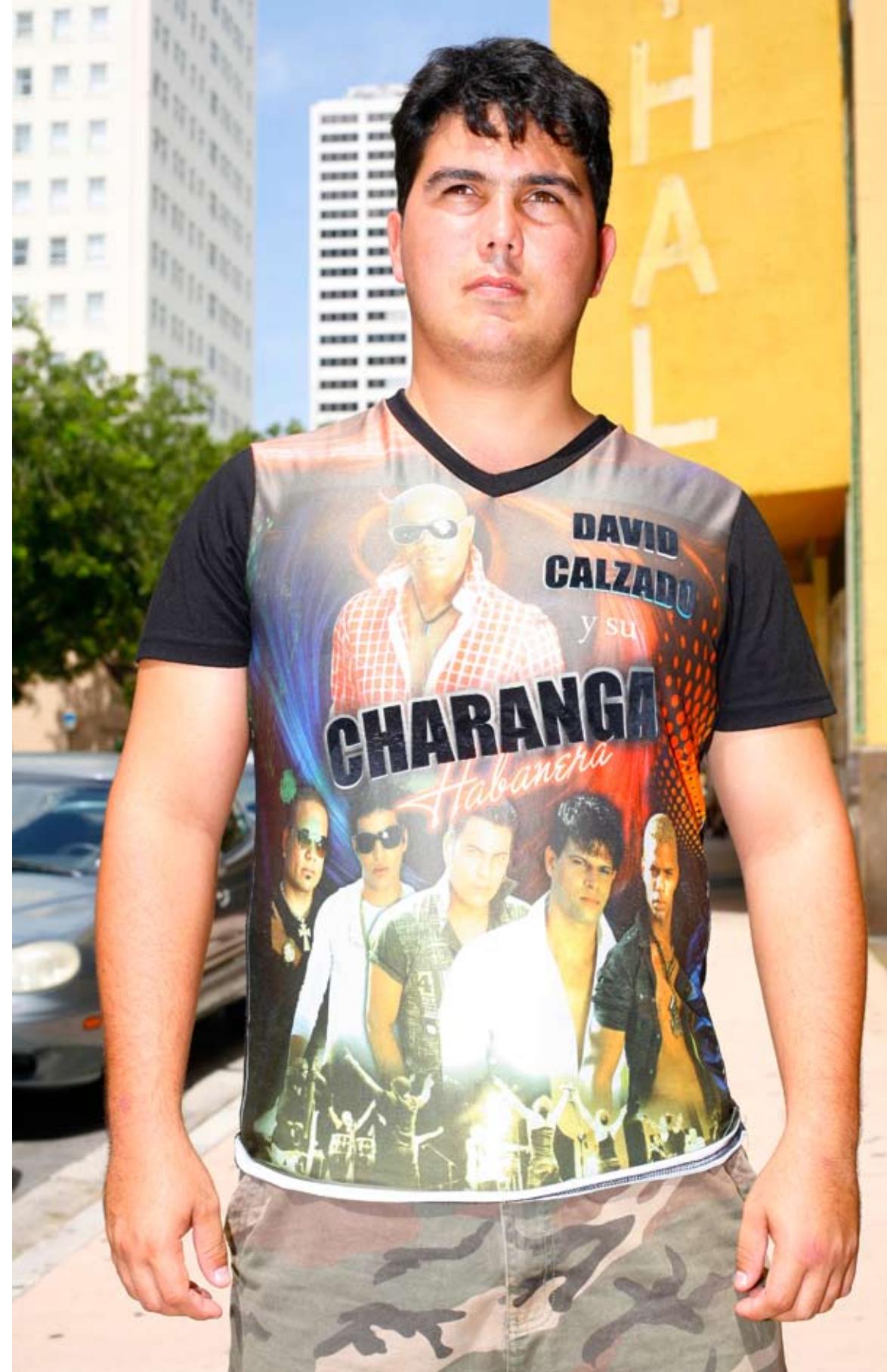






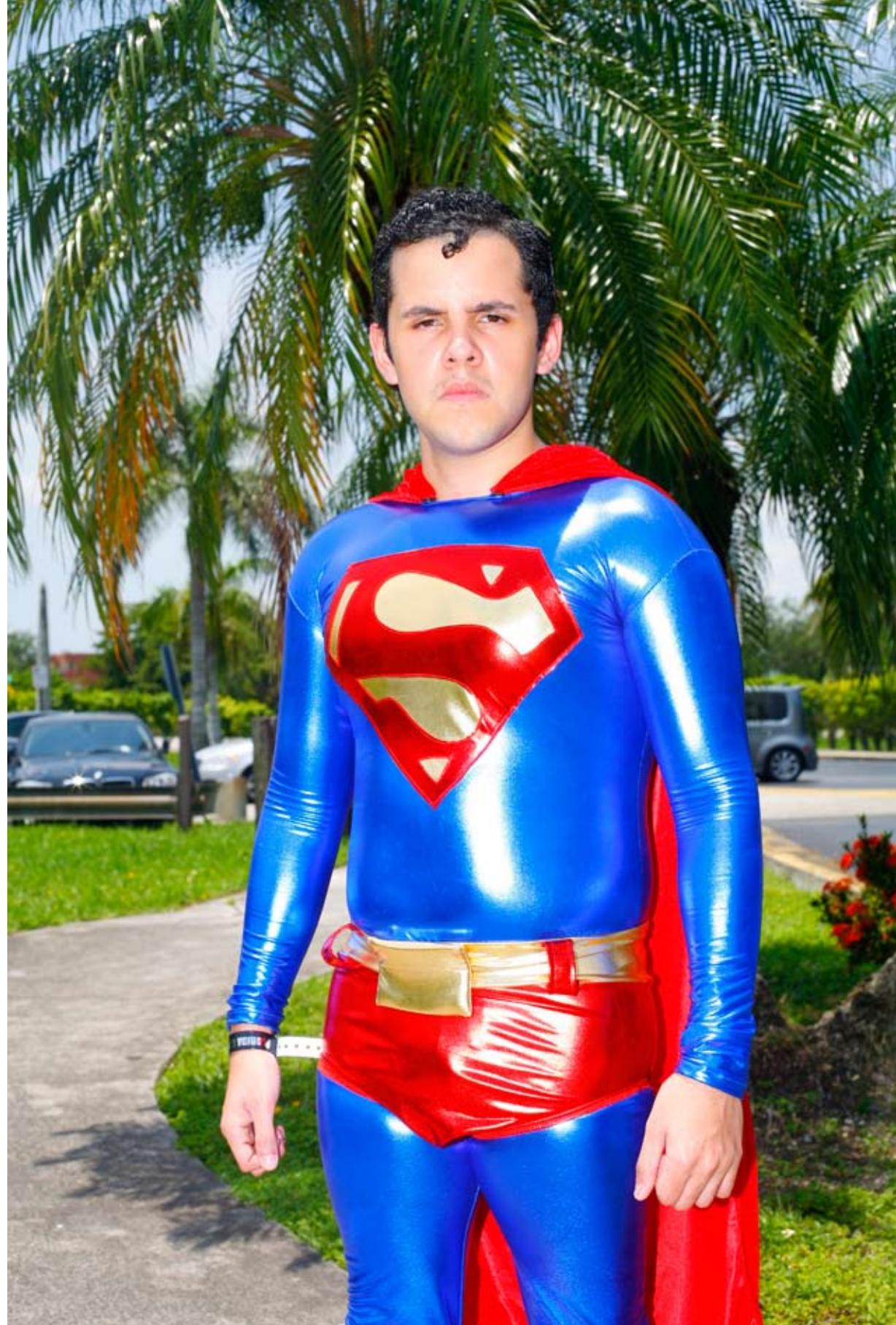
























My mom thanking the rain and Maria worrying that i might get sick,
ongoing until 1992



Finding what he hides, ca. 1993



You only visited me at 6am, half an hour before going to school. Your visits were always short but constant, constantly trying to sell me your best albums, to pay for your addiction. Last time I saw you, you showed me your "homemade" tattoo. I never thought how important you were, I guess I was too young or too embarrassed. Thank you for seeing someone that was still not there.
For you Tonzo, who lived on Cobra St.
R.I.P. 1981-96'



Quito, Our summer home, 1985 – 1997



The Involuntary space, 2008



The Razor, 2010



First cleansing cycle, 1994



The Arrival, 2010











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HE WORKS IN DEMOLITIONS IN NEW YORK.
SENDING HOME 200 DOLLARS A WEEK.
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HE WORKS IN A FISH MARKET IN NEW YORK.
SENDING HOME 400 DOLLARS A WEEK.
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SENDING HOME 400 DOLLARS A WEEK.
- 125 ROY ACOSTA / FROM PUERTO RICO
HE WORKS AS A POLICEMAN IN NEW YORK.
SENDING HOME 300 DOLLARS A MONTH.
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SENDING HOME 250 DOLLARS A WEEK.
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THE SOCIOLOGICAL READINGS OF THIS GLOBALIZED 21ST CENTURY WORLD ARE GETTING FULL OF DIFFICULTIES: DEFINING THE LATINO PHENOMENON IN THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THEM. ANY ATTEMPT TO FIND A DISTINCT FEATURE WHICH MAY ALSO BE COMMON TO ALL THE LATINOS LIVING IN THE STATES, ENDS UP FAILING. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A CONTRADICTION TO UNDERMINE ANY COMMON FEATURE WE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT WE FOUND. THIS IS THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY LATINO/US IS FACING. BUT IT ALSO IS ITS BEST MOTIVATION. THE LATINO COMMUNITY IS A WORK-IN-PROGRESS PIECE, UPDATED WITH NEW DATA EVERY MINUTE. OF COURSE, WE DO FIND FACTORS AND CONSTRAINTS THAT AWAKE AND ENCOURAGE A DEEP SENSE OF COMMUNITY. LITERATURE, MUSIC, SOAP OPERAS, FOOD, THE LATINO VOTE, THEIR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, MORE OR LESS REPRESENTATIVE COLLECTIVE IMAGINARIES, AND THEIR STEREOTYPES... ALL THESE ELEMENTS THAT BRING US IMMEDIATELY TO A CERTAIN ESSENCE OF THE LATINO CONCEPT. A REFERENTIAL IMAGE THAT WORKS PROACTIVELY, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

THE LATINO PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES TERRITORY IS BECOMING BIGGER AND BIGGER. ITS INFLUENCE, IN THE COUNTRY AND BEYOND ITS BORDERS, IS ALSO GROWING IN A QUALITATIVE MANNER. BUT... HOW CAN WE DEFINE IT? WHO IS A PART OF IT? HOW DOES IT REVEAL? ABOVE ALL AND MOST INTERESTINGLY FOR US HERE, HOW IS IT REPRESENTED?

IN THE FIELD OF COLLECTIVE IMAGINATION AND REPRESENTATIONS, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT NOT TO FALL INTO STEREOTYPES OR CLICHÉS. A LATINO IMAGE DOES EXIST, AND TRYING TO AVOID BRINGING IT UP WHEN IT COMES TO GROUP REPRESENTATIONS IS NOT AN EASY THING. ANYTHING CONSIDERED LATINO OR RELATED TO THAT WORLD IN ANY WAY IS STILL DEEPLY ROOTED IN OUTDATED, INFLEXIBLE STEREOTYPES WHICH WERE CREATED FROM EXCLUSION. THE PRECONCEIVED IMAGE OF ANYTHING BEING LATINO STILL WORKS AS BELONGING, IDENTITY AND DEFINITION KEY; EVEN IF THAT IMAGE IS NOW TOTALLY OUT OF

DATE AND INCREASINGLY FURTHER AWAY FROM REALITY.

THEREFORE, LATINO/US COTIDIANO STARTS BY QUESTIONING THE USUAL LATINO IMAGE: THE ONE THAT COMES UP AS IMMEDIATELY AS ANY REFERENTIAL AUTOMATISM. WE CHALLENGE THE STEREOTYPE, NOT BECAUSE IT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE, NEITHER FOR NOT BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, BUT BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN THAT IMAGE. AND THE LATINO REALITY IN THE UNITED STATES IS A CHANGING REALITY. A REALITY THAT EVOLVES, THAT SHAKES THINGS UP; IT MUTATES, IT REGENERATES, IT REINVENTS ITSELF FROM ITS VERY ORIGINS. LATINOUS CREATES A VIRTUAL TOUR FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES FORMING A MULTIFACETED VIEW WHICH IS NOT INTENDED TO IDENTIFY OR CONTAIN. IT IS INTENDED TO SIMPLY BUILD AN IMAGINARY MAP OF VISUAL NARRATIVES AND REPRESENTATION MODELS WITH THE LATINO UNIVERSE AS THEIR IDENTITY AND CREATIVE REFERENCE.

THE FIRST PROJECT WE PRESENTED, THE BRAZILIAN CALÉ'S PROJECT, SHOWS A THOUGHTFUL PERSPECTIVE ABOUT IDENTITY IN A MEGALOPOLIS LIKE NEW YORK. IT QUESTIONS THE MIGRANT SUBJECT'S IDENTITY. THE SCENE IS FOCUSED ON THE CONTEXT AND THE MAIN CHARACTER COMPROMISES HIS PERSONALITY FOR THE HOST CITY. IN HIS SERIES, CALÉ BLURS HIS CHARACTERS, HIGHLIGHTING THE LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS.

WITH ANOTHER STYLE, MUCH CLOSER TO DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY, THE PERUVIAN PHOTOGRAPHER GHAN TUBBEH PORTRAYS DIFFERENT CHARACTERS FROM THE LATINO NEIGHBORHOODS IN NYC. WITH THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN OUTSIDER, TUBBEH CREATES LIGHTEARTED IMAGES THAT MAY INTERACT IN A STIMULATING DIALOGUE WITH THE IMAGES BY THE ARGENTINIAN SOL ARAMENDI, WHO PORTRAYS HER CLOSER ENVIRONMENT FROM HER TRENDY REGARD. ARAMENDI'S WORK IS DISTINGUISHED BY SOPHISTICATED SETTINGS THAT SHOW THE LATINO REALITY AND ALSO QUESTION IT. HOWEVER, IN HER PROJECT FOR LATINO/US,

SHE USES AN EXTREMELY CLOSE APPROACH THROUGH A SERIES OF SNAPSHOTS OF HER EVERYDAY LIFE.

CARLOS ÁLVAREZ MONTERO, MEXICAN PHOTOGRAPHER, CLOSES THIS SECTION ABOUT NEW YORK AND ITS LATINO UNIVERSE, WITH A SERIES OF PORTRAYS CREATED AND COMPILED UNDER THE SLOGAN "NO PARECES MEXICANO" (YOU DON'T LOOK MEXICAN). THAT IS QUITE A DECLARATION OF INTENT.

WE MOVE TO THE OPPOSITE COAST OF THE STATES WITH THE PERUVIAN PHOTOGRAPHER HÉCTOR MATA, WHO PORTRAYED THE SERIES "L.ATINOS" IN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES. WITH EACH IMAGE HE SYMBOLICALLY DEPICTED AN EMBLEMATIC DICHOTOMY PRESENT IN THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT COEXIST IN THE WEST COAST. AND THESE ARE DICHOTOMIES THAT DO NOT CONTRADICT EACH OTHER; THEY BECOME A PART OF AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ONLY APPEARS TO BE CONTRADICTORY.

RICARDO CASES, SPANISH PHOTOGRAPHER, SHOWS HIS PECULIAR PERSPECTIVE IN MIAMI. HIS VISUAL JOURNEY STARTS FROM IGNORANCE AS A WORKING HYPOTHESIS. HE JUST WANDERS AROUND BETWEEN DISBELIEF AND ASTONISHMENT. AND THAT IS HOW HE CAPTURES, WITH IRONIC MASTERY, THE CONTRADICTIONS PRESENT IN THE BIG CITY IN FLORIDA AND ITS INHABITANTS.

THE FIRST PROJECT NOT SHOWING US TERRITORY IS THE WORK BY NORTH AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER KATRINA D'AUTREMONT. OF ARGENTINEAN DESCENT ON HER MOTHER'S SIDE, D'AUTREMONT PHOTOGRAPHS HER HOLIDAYS WITH HER MOTHER'S FAMILY IN BUENOS AIRES. FROM A DISTANT AND REMOTE PERSPECTIVE, THE ARTIST SHOWS THE COMPLEX APPROACH BETWEEN HER TWO CULTURAL REALITIES, TRULY FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER IN SPITE OF THE GENETIC PROXIMITY.

KAREN MIRANDA IS AN ARTIST FROM ECUADOR WHO LIVES IN NEW JERSEY. THROUGH HER WORK, SINCERE AND INTIMATE, SHE SHOWS THE NEWCOMERS' FEARS AND VULNERABILITY. WITH EACH PHOTOGRAPH, MIRANDA SEARCHES

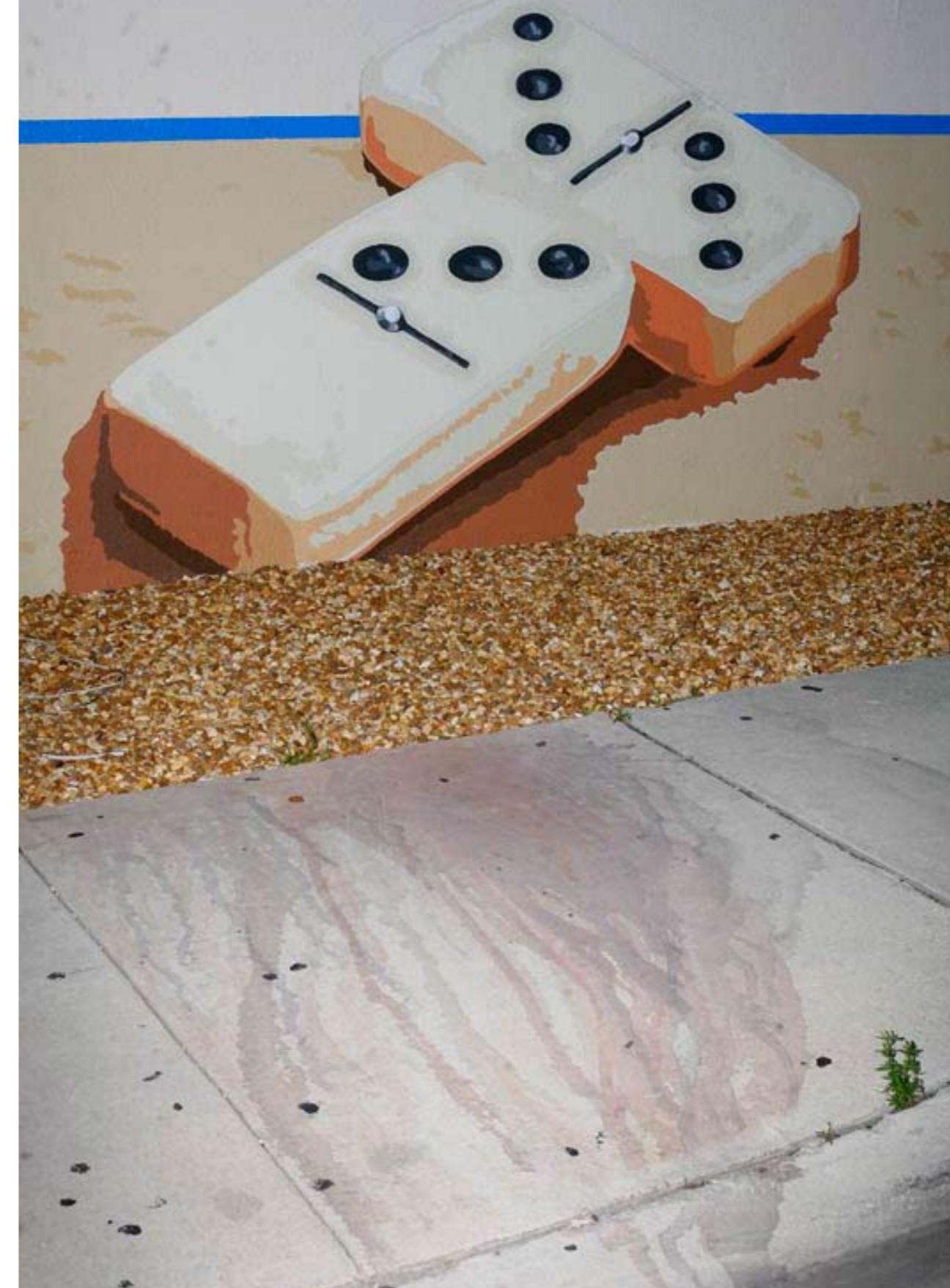
FOR THE DEPICTION OF HER FIRST FEELINGS WHEN SHE HAD JUST ARRIVED.

SUSANA RAAB IS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN. WITH AN IRONIC REGARD AND A COMIC TOUCH, SHE SHOWS THE ALMOST IMPLAUSIBLE SITUATIONS THAT CAN BE EXPERIENCED AT A RODEO FESTIVAL IN HOUSTON, EXHIBITED WITH NO COMPLEXES AT ALL.

DULCE PINZÓN JOINS LATINO/US WITH ONE OF HER MOST EMBLEMATIC PROJECTS. "SUPERHÉROES" (SUPERHEROES), IS HER MOST WIDELY DISTRIBUTED WORK AND ALSO THE ONE WITH A HIGHEST IMPACT. IN THIS SERIES, PINZÓN PORTRAYIS IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN THEIR EVERYDAY JOBS, DRESSED UP LIKE ANY SUPERHERO FROM THE AMERICAN IMAGERY. THE TITLE IN EACH IMAGE BRINGS HER WORK TO A NEW DIMENSION: THE NAME OF THE WORKERS AND THE MONEY THEY SEND TO THEIR FAMILY EVERY WEEK/MONTH.

THIS SECTION IS CLOSED BY TWO PORTRAIT PROJECTS. LIVIA CORONA WITH FIVE FRONTAL IMAGES DEEPLY SHOWING THE EXPRESSIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF HER CHARACTERS; AND STEFAN RUIZ'S "FACTORY OF DREAMS", WHERE WE CAN SEE THE ACTORS AND SETTINGS OF THE COUNTLESS MEXICAN SOAP OPERAS FOR US TELEVISION WHICH BUILD UP THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND RELEVANT LATINO STEREOTYPES IN THE REGION.

ALL THE WORKS SHOW PIECES OF THAT LATINO-AMERICAN UNIVERSE THAT IS STILL GROWING. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THERE ARE MANY OTHER WORKS AND ARTISTS WHO TRY TO PORTRAY THESE REALITIES, BUT WE WANTED TO SHOW HERE A 12 SIDED POLYHEDRON IN ORDER TO FOCUS IN THIS NEVER ENDING DEBATE THAT CHALLENGES THE IDENTITY OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN THE STATES. A POLYHEDRON THAT CONTAINS AND REVEALS THE CONSISTENT AND UNSTOPPABLE DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH THE LATINO/US COMMUNITY IS IMMersed.



CALE/

WORKS AS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER SINCE 1997 AND HAD HIS PHOTOS PUBLISHED BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, NY TIMES, NEWSWEEK, FADER, BIG, PARIS MATCH, VOGUE, AMONG OTHERS. HAS LIVED IN NY FROM 2003 TO 2005, WHEN HE WAS REPRESENTED BY POLARIS IMAGES, AND SINCE THEN IS BASED IN RIO DE JANEIRO.

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS HE HAS BEEN DEVOTING MORE AND MORE TIME TO HIS ARTWORK, AND IN 2012 HE EXHIBITED THE SERIES "SEEKERS" IN 5 COUNTRIES AND HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST PRIZE AT THE III IBEROAMERICANOS AWARD.

SEEKERS

IN 2005 I DELVED INTO A SPIRITUAL GROWTH PROCESS AFTER RETURNING FROM RIO TO NEW YORK. I WAS SEEKING FOR MY ESSENCE, MY MOST SPONTANEOUS BEING, SOMETHING THAT WAS HIDDEN FAR BEHIND THE PROTECTIVE LAYERS OF MY EGO, AND THESE PHOTOS ARE ABOUT THIS QUEST.

AS WE GROW UP, OUR EGO IS BUILT BY MANY EMOTIONAL PATTERNS AND CULTURAL INFLUENCES, SO IT BECOMES HARD TO IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH ANYTHING ELSE THAN OUR PROFESSION, FAMILY, NATIONALITY, HABITS AND SOCIAL STATUS. AND THIS DISTANCE, AS OUR EGO AND OUR ESSENCE MOVE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, CAN MEASURE OUR NEUROSIS. WE BECOME FUNCTIONAL NEUROTIOTS, INCAPABLE OF FULFILLING OURSELVES COMPLETELY, YET CITIZENS ABSOLUTELY CAPABLE OF FULFILLING OUR DUTIES. AND WHAT IS WORSE, WE IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH THIS.

I FIRST THOUGHT ABOUT THESE IMAGES BEFORE THIS PROJECT HAVE SURFACED, I WAS JUST AN UNCONSCIOUS ALIEN READY TO RETURN TO MY COUNTRY. I WASN'T LOOKING TO THE EGO X ESSENCE DILEMMA YET, AT LEAST NOT CONSCIOUSLY. IT WAS MORE ABOUT HOW I FELT UNSEEN AS AN IMMIGRANT, AND HOW I WOULDN'T SEE MANY PEOPLE TOO:

THE DOORMAN, THE GUY WITH THE FUNNY SHIRT, THE GUY WHO SELLS NEWSPAPERS, THE WOMAN WHO SAT ON THE LAST SEAT OF THE SUBWAY, THEY ALL REPRESENTED NOTHING TO ME. WE SPEND OUR LIVES DISCONNECTED FROM OUR SURROUNDINGS, HAVING JUST THE BASIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT NEEDED TO KEEP LIFE RUNNING.

BUT IF WE RECONNECT WITH OURSELVES AND APPROACH OUR ESSENCE OR SPONTANEITY WE MIGHT NOT FEEL LOST IN THE CITY ANYMORE. THERE WON'T BE ANY NEED FOR AN EXTERNAL REFERENCE, AND WE CAN STOP LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE OUTSIDE TO FULFILL OUR NEEDS. WE CAN STOP BEING ANONYMOUS AND START RECOGNIZING AND COMPLETING OURSELVES WITHIN OURSELVES.

GIHAN TUBBEH/

GIHAN TUBBEH (29), PERU. SHE STUDIED AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATION IN THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LIMA, PERU, FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE STUDYING PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN CENTRO DE LA IMAGEN. HER WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN SEVERAL MAGAZINES, LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. GIHAN HAS PARTICIPATED IN DIFFERENT COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS IN PERU, BRAZIL, GREECE, THE US, THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY AND SPAIN. SHE HAS ALSO EXHIBITED HER ARTWORK IN TWO SOLO SHOWS IN THE GALLERIES EL OJO AJENO, NOCHES DE GRACIA IN 2009 AND PURGA IN 2010. IN 2009, SHE WAS AMONG THE 12 PHOTOGRAPHERS SELECTED FOR THE JOOP SWART MASTERCLASS DEL WORLD PRESS PHOTO AND IN 2010 SHE RECEIVED THE FIRST PRIZE IN VIDA COTIDIANA (EVERYDAY LIFE) WITH HER WORK "ADRIAN, UN NIÑO AUTISTA" (ADRIAN, AN AUTISTIC BOY) AWARDED BY WORLD PRESS PHOTO. IN THE SAME YEAR, SHE WAS CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN REFLEXIONS MASTERCLASS FOR TWO YEARS. IN THE YEAR 2010 SHE HAD A SOLO SHOW IN SHANGHAI. IN 2011, GIHAN WAS APPOINTED PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR IN THE

CONTEST PICTURES OF THE YEAR INTERNATIONAL (POYI), LATIN AMERICA. SHE ENDED THE YEAR WITH AN EXHIBITION IN THE GALLERY OCHEENTA METROS CUADRADOS PRESENTING ALL HER WORK IN "NOCHES DE GRACIA". IN JUNE, SHE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE JURY IN THE EVENT SALÓN NACIONAL DE FOTOPERIODISMO, IN CHILE. AT THE BEGINNING OF 2012 SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST EDITION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY BIENAL, IN LIMA, PERU, TOGETHER WITH THE COLLECTIVE SHE BELONGS TO, VERSUS PHOTO. IN JULY SHE IS EXHIBITING HER WORK IN THE ACTES SUD ATELIER, AS A PART OF THE EVENT LES RECONTRES D'ARLES (INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL), IN FRANCE. SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A SOLO SHOW AND A COLLECTIVE ONE TO PRESENT IN MAY IN MILANO.

SOL ARAMENDI/

SOL ARAMENDI IS AN ARGENTINIAN ARTIST WHO WORKS IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND INSTALLATIONS, MAINLY IN NEW YORK. IN HER WORK, SHE EXPLORES CONCEPTS ABOUT IMMIGRATION AND CREATES ENVIRONMENTS FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION AMONG PEOPLE, OBJECTS AND THEIR MEMORY.

SOL HAS INTEGRATED HER ART WORK WITH SOCIAL PRACTICES CREATING PROJECT LUZ, A PROGRAM THAT USES PHOTOGRAPHY AS AN EMPOWERMENT TOOL FOR LATIN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN NEW YORK. THIS NOMADIC PROGRAM TAKES PLACE IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS: HER STUDIO IN 5POINTZ, THE ART MUSEUM IN QUEENS, THE ISAMU NOGUCHI MUSEUM, EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO MUSEUM, AND THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART.

HER WORK WAS SELECTED FOR THE LAST EDITION OF EL MUSEO'S BIENAL, ORGANIZED FOR LATIN ARTISTS BY EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO IN NEW YORK. SHE WAS AWARDED A RESIDENCE GRANT BY THE CENTRO LATINO OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AND IS CURRENTLY TAKING PART IN THE FIRST MASTER'S DEGREE IN FINE ARTS WITH SOCIAL PRACTICE IN NEW YORK. SHE IS EXHIBITING HER WORK NOW IN A SOLO SHOW IN GALERÍA PRAXIS INTERNACIONAL, IN BUENOS AIRES. AND HER INSTALLATION "DARK TREASURE", ABOUT THE MONEY THAT IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, IS ONE OF THE WORKS EXHIBITED BY "NO LONGER EMPTY", IN NEW YORK. EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO IS ALSO SHOWING "FUERA DE LUGAR", A PROJECT SHE WORKED ON WITH HER STUDENTS IN PROJECT LUZ, AS A PART OF THE EXHIBITION "SUPERREAL".

"I CHOOSE TO LOOK THROUGH THE LENS BECAUSE THAT WAY I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE WORLD AROUND ME; PHOTOGRAPHY OPENS A SPACE WHERE I TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHERE I AM, WHERE I COME FROM AND IN WHAT DIRECTION MIGHT I GO."

THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS COTIDIANO SERIES ARE SNAPSHOTS

OF MY EVERYDAY LIFE. MOMENTS, LANDSCAPES I SHARE WITH FRIENDS. THEY ARE A PART OF MY PERSONAL ALBUM. THESE ARE PHOTOGRAPHS I TAKE, OR I STEAL, AS OPPOSED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN MY ART PROJECT WHICH ARE IMAGES I BUILD, IMAGES I MAKE. MAKE NOT TAKE.

CARLOS ÁLVAREZ MONTERO/

CARLOS ÁLVAREZ MONTERO, MEXICO CITY, 1974.

HE GRADUATED IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES (UVM, 1999) AND RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PHOTOGRAPHY (SVA, 2009). SELECTED AS FINALIST IN THE ILLY AUTHENTICITY CONTEST IN NEW YORK (2010), HIS WORK WAS ALSO SELECTED FOR THE 8TH (1997) AND 12TH (2008) EDITIONS OF THE BIENNIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW OF CENTRO DE LA IMAGEN.

HIS WORK HAS BEEN EXHIBITED IN SOLO SHOWS IN NEW YORK, PARIS AND MEXICO CITY. HE RECEIVED A FULBRIGHT@-GARCÍA ROBLES FELLOWSHIP (2007-2009), WITHIN THEIR PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STUDY ABROAD PROJECTS; AND OTHER GRANTS INCLUDING FONCA (2007-2008 AND 2008-2009), COLECCIÓN JUMEX IN 2007, AND THE AARON SISKIND GRANT AWARDED BY THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS (2007-2008). IN 2011 HE FOUNDED THE SCHOOL/GALLERY/STUDIO .357 IN MEXICO CITY. WITHIN THE PUBLISHING SECTOR, HE COFOUNDED THE PICNIC MAGAZINE, WHERE HE WORKED AS PHOTO EDITOR FOR NINE ISSUES. HE HAS BEEN FEATURED IN SEVERAL MAGAZINES INCLUDING ENE 0, VISION MAGAZINE, PRIVATE AND ESQUIRE AND BLINK. AND HIS WORK WAS ALSO INCLUDED

IN THE BOOK "150 AÑOS DE FOTOGRAFÍA EN MÉXICO" (150 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN MEXICO), PUBLISHED BY THE INBA (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS IN MEXICO).

THE PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MEX & THE CITY COLLECTIVE THAT ARISES IN RESPONSE TO THE STEREOTYPES AND

PREJUDICES THAT MEXICAN PEOPLE FACE IN THE UNITED STATES. "RACIAL PROFILING" IS A SERIES OF PORTRAITS SHOWING MEXICAN INDIVIDUALS WHO, LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY, ARE INVOLVED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS LIKE ART, DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE OR BUSINESS, AMONG OTHERS.

THE TITLE REFERS TO AN EXPRESSION OFTEN HEARD WHEN SOMEONE DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE GENERALLY ASSUMED PHYSICAL FEATURES ANY MEXICAN SHOULD PRESENT ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN COLLECTIVE IMAGINARY: "YOU DON'T LOOK MEXICAN".

HÉCTOR MATA/

HÉCTOR MATA IS A VISUAL ARTIST WHO STARTED HIS CAREER IN LIMA, PERU, DURING THE TUMULTUOUS TIMES OF THE 1980 DECADE. PHOTOGRAPHY MADE HIM TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD. HE HAS LIVED IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND IN THE UNITED STATES. DUE TO HIS WORK AS A DOCUMENTARY MAKER HE HAS WORKED IN THE MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA, EASTERN AFRICA, AND THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS.

BEGINNING THREE YEARS AGO, HIS WORK HAS MOVED TO AUDIOVISUAL FORMATS, WHICH ARE FULLY INTEGRATED IN HIS PRESENT ART PIECES. HIS WORK HAS BEEN EXHIBITED IN PERU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO AND FRANCE.

"L.A.TINOS" IS A PROJECT CARRIED OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST DECADE IN 2000 IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. WITH EACH IMAGE, THE AUTOR PRESENTS DIFFERENT ELEMENTS ABOUT THE COEXISTENCE AND TENSIONS OF TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS TOGETHER. ON ONE SIDE, THE LATINO UNIVERSE, WITH A STRONG CULTURAL DIMENSION AND INFLUENCED BY ITS ORIGINS; AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE UNIVERSE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CULTURE, HEAVILY SYMBOLIC AND WITH A HIGHLY RECOGNIZABLE VISUAL POWER.

RICARDO CASES/

HE WAS BORN IN ORIHUELA, ALICANTE, SPAIN, IN 1971. HE GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN JOURNALISM FROM THE UNIVERSIDAD DEL PAÍS VASCO, BILBAO.

IN 2006 HE JOINED THE BLANK PAPER PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTIVE. IN 2008, TOGETHER WITH THE DESIGNER NATALIA TROITIÑO, HE FOUNDED FIESTA EDICIONES, A PUBLISHING HOUSE SPECIALIZED IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

HE RECEIVED THE AWARD NUEVO TALENTO FNAC (FNAC NEW TALENT) IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY IN 2008, AS WELL AS THE ARCO007 AWARD IN PHOTO REPORTAGE. ADDITIONALLY, HE RECEIVED AN OFE GRANT FROM UNIVERSIDAD DE EXTREMADURA IN 2008, AND A PRODUCTION GRANT FROM THE REGION OF MADRID, SPAIN, IN 2010.

HE HAS PUBLISHED THE BOOKS "PALOMA AL AIRE" (DOVE IN THE AIR - PHOTOVISION-SCHADEN-DEWI LEWIS, 2011), "LA CAZA DEL LOBO CONGELADO" (THE HUNTING OF THE FROZEN WOLFE - FIESTA EDICIONES-UNIVERSIDAD DE CADIZ, 2009), AND "BELLEZA DE BARRIO" (NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTY - UNIVERSIDAD DE EXTREMADURA, 2008).

HE WORKS FOR DIFFERENT MEDIA SUCH AS SZ MAGAZINE OR TIME MAGAZINE.

THE SERIES INCLUDED IN LATINO/US COTIANO WAS SPECIFICALLY PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT IN MIAMI, US, IN 2012.

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KATRINA D'AUTREMONT/

KATRINA MARCELLE D'AUTREMONT WAS BORN IN 1980 TO AN ARGENTINE MOTHER AND AMERICAN FATHER. AFTER COMPLETING HER B.F.A IN LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, SHE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS TRAVELING THROUGHOUT SOUTH AMERICA. IN WHICH TIME, SHE WOULD PERIODICALLY RETURN TO HER FAMILY'S HOME IN BUENOS AIRES. HER INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHING THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO HER GREW

OUT OF THIS TIME. IN 2005 SHE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES TO BEGIN HER M.F.A. IN IMAGING ARTS AND SCIENCES AT THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, SHE CONTINUED TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA TO PHOTOGRAPHICALLY EXEMPLIFY THE DISTANCE AND PROXIMITY SHE FELT WITH HER FAMILY.

SHE HAS RECEIVED VARIOUS AWARDS, INCLUDING ING THE PDN 30 2011: NEW AND EMERGING PHOTOGRAPHERS TO WATCH, THE SILVER EYE FELLOWSHIP FOR PHOTOGRAPHY 2009, PHOTOLUCIDA'S CRITICAL MASS IN 2008, THE MAGENTA FOUNDATIONS EMERGING PHOTOGRAPHERS 2010 AND 2008, AND EN FOCO'S PEOPLE/PLACES/THINGS HONORABLE MENTION. HER WORK HAS BEEN FEATURED IN VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING REAL SIMPLE, EN ROUTE, THE AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY 25, FRACTION, FLAK PHOTO, AND CONSCIENTIOUS. IT HAS BEEN SHOWN AROUND THE WORLD INCLUDING AT THE GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN BOSTON, CARLOS MÉRIDA MUSEUM OF MODERN ART / GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA SASHA WOLF GALLERY IN NEW YORK, RAYKO PHOTO CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO, FLANDERS ART GALLERY IN RALEIGH, AND WILL BE SHOWN IN THE FALL IN THE RING CUBE GALLERY IN TOKYO JAPAN.

"SI DIOS QUIERE..."

THIS BODY OF WORK, "SI DIOS QUIERE" (GOD WILLING) EXPLORES ISSUES OF INTIMACY AND DISTANCE WITHIN MY MOTHER'S FAMILY IN ARGENTINA. THE HOUSE WHERE SHE GREW UP AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF THAT LIFE SERVE AS CHARACTERS. THE ENVIRONMENT BECOMES A SET FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC STAGING OF THE IMAGES. IT REVEALS HOW A PLACE CAN INFLUENCE AND FORM US. THE WORD "FAMILY" CONNECTS US, BUT THE EXTENT OF OUR CONNECTION DEPENDS ON SEVERAL FACTORS. FAMILIES CAN BE SEPARATED BY PHYSICAL DISTANCE, BUT OFTEN IT IS MORE COMPLICATED AND

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEMSELVES CREATE WALLS AND SEPARATIONS. "SI DIOS QUIERE..." WHICH MEANS "GOD WILLING", ATTESTS TO THE FACT THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE INHERENTLY DIFFICULT. CLOSER PROXIMITY TO THE PEOPLE WE LOVE CAN BE JUST AS COMPLEX AS DISTANCE. WITHIN THE FAMILY STRUCTURE, SPECIFIC ROLES ARE DEVELOPED OVER TIME. WE IDEALIZE THESE ROLES AND THE PEOPLE WHO FILL THEM, AS WELL AS THE PLACES THAT HOLD US. 192/

KAREN MIRANDA/

KAREN MIRANDA GRADUATED FROM THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS IN NEW YORK CITY IN 2005. IN THE SAME YEAR SHE WAS AWARDED AN ART RESIDENCY IN THE RATTI FOUNDATION, IN ITALY, WHERE SHE STUDIED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ALFREDO JAAR. SHE THEN MOVED TO ECUADOR, WHERE SHE WORKED AS A PHOTOJOURNALIST FOR A YEAR. SHE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE DANISH SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM TO STUDY IN DENMARK IN THE YEAR 2007. AT THE END OF 2007 SHE MOVED TO NYC AND STARTED WORKING AS A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER DOING EDITORIAL WORK AND TEACHING PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS IN NEW YORK AND ABROAD.

SINCE 2006 SHE HAS BEEN WORKING IN PROJECTS FOCUSED ON IDENTITY AND INDIVIDUAL RITUALS; SHE HAS COLLABORATED WITH THE MAM COMMUNITIES IN GUATEMALA, WITH MANDAEANS GROUPS IN SWEDEN AND IRAK, WITH THE WAORANI PEOPLE IN ECUADOR AND THE WITOTO COMMUNITY IN COLOMBIA. HER WORK IS INCLUDED IN THE COLLECTION OF THE HOUSTON FINE ARTS MUSEUM IN TEXAS, THE ASSOCIATION POUR L'INSTANT IN FRANCE, AND LIGHTWORK IN SYRACUSE, NY, AMONG OTHER INSTITUTIONS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN PUBLISHED AND EXTENSIVELY EXHIBITED, INCLUDING IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE QUEENS MUSEUM. SHE WAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES TO COMMEMORATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENFOCO AWARD TO LATIN AMERICAN ARTISTS WHO REDEFINE AND RECONSTRUCT

THE IDEA OF CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY.**"OTHER STORIES/HISTORIAS BRAVAS"**

BASED ON THE ARTIST'S RESEARCH, THE ACT OF "REMEMBERING" IS A QUITE UNRELIABLE AND HIGHLY UNSTABLE PROCESS. THE MORE WE REMEMBER A SPECIFIC EVENT, MORE LIKELY ARE WE UNCONSCIOUSLY MODIFYING IT.

USING THIS IDEA AS A STARTING POINT, KAREN MIRANDA BEGAN QUESTIONING THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND ITS RELATION TO OUR MEMORY; ESPECIALLY WHAT IT TRIES TO PRESERVE.

SINCE 2009 SHE HAS BEEN WORKING ON A SERIES ENTITLED "OTHER STORIES/HISTORIAS BRAVAS". IT IS A PROJECT WHERE SHE COLLABORATES WITH HER FAMILY IN ORDER TO RECREATE PAST EVENTS IN THEIR LIVES THAT WERE NEVER PHOTOGRAPHED.

MANY OF THESE MEMORIES SHE CHOSE, OR ACTUALLY ALL OF THEM, HELPED HER FORM HER INTERPRETATION OF THE WORLD AND HER IDENTITY. THESE INTIMATE AND SYNCNATIC EVENTS ARE ON ONE HAND FOLKLICR EVENTS, ON THE OTHER HAND FANTASTIC EVENTS AND, IN A CERTAIN WAY, ALSO A CONSEQUENCE OF GLOBALIZATION.

EVEN IF "HISTORIAS BRAVAS" CONSTITUTES A RESEARCH ABOUT THE PRESERVATION OF OUR MEMORY, THE ARTIST IS USING HER PERSONAL HISTORY TO APPROACH UNIVERSAL TOPICS; ESPECIALLY RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, IDENTITY, BELIEFS, AND THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ADAPTATION OF MINORITIES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.

THESE RECREATIONS WERE NOT AIMED AT GENERATING A ROMANTIC VISION OF KAREN'S EXPERIENCES, BUT AT PROVIDING A SPACE FOR SELF-REFLECTION AND SEARCH FOR PERSONAL TRUTH.

SUSANA RAAB/

SUSANA RAAB WAS BORN IN LIMA, PERU AND RAISED THROUGHOUT THE

UNITED STATES. SHE IS A FINE-ART AND DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHER IN WASHINGTON, DC, AND IS THE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE SMITHSONIAN ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM, DOCUMENTING THE EAST OF THE ANACOSTIA RIVER COMMUNITIES IN DC.

THE HEART OF HER WORK IS A SEARCH FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY, ARCHETYPICAL, AND ORDINARY: MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS ENVIRONMENT, IDENTITY

WITHIN THAT CONSTRUCT, AND TRANSCENDENCE OR EVOLUTION. SUSANA'S WORK HAS BEEN EXHIBITED INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY, AT VENUES INCLUDING: THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART; THE MUSEO DE ARTE CONTEMPORANEO IN MADRID; THE PINGYAO PHOTOFESTIVAL, NOORDERLICHT FOTOFESTIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS; AND THE ART MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAS IN WASHINGTON, DC.

PURSUING TOPICS LIKE AMERICA'S RELATIONSHIP TO FAST FOOD; THE PURSUIT OF LEISURE TIME; PERUVIAN COASTAL LIFE; SHE HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF THE WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS' PROJECT GRANT, A DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES ARTIST FELLOWSHIP, HONORABLE MENTIONS IN CENTER'S PROJECT COMPETITION AND CURATOR'S CHOICE AWARDS, AND A PUFFIN GRANT, AMONG OTHERS. HER WORK IS HELD IN THE COLLECTION OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION'S MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, THE ART MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAS, ENFOCO COLLECTION, AND THE DC PUBLIC ART BANK.

SHE RECEIVED HER MA IN VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS AT OHIO UNIVERSITY AND HOLDS A BA IN ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

HOUSTON RODEO

I HAPPENED TO BE IN HOUSTON DURING THE MONTH OF RODEO, AND AS EVERY CHILD BORN TO BE FREE OF THE CAPTIVITY OF AMERICAN SUBURBIA, THE PROMISE OF A UNIQUE AMERICAN IDENTITY BECKONED, LIFE BEYOND STRIP

MALLS AND COOKIE CUTTER HOMES, IT WAS A SIREN'S CALL. THUS I SADDLED UP, SO TO SPEAK, AND SPENT A FEW DAYS EXAMINING THIS WESTERN AMERICAN TRADITION THAT IS RODEO.

TODAY, THE AFFECTS OF WHAT IS AN AMERICAN, ARE LARGEY INFLUENCED BY THE SPECTACLES WE CREATE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. THE FORMULA IS ALWAYS THE SAME FOR THIS TYPE OF SITUATION: CHEAP, TICKETED RIDES, A TENTED AREA FOR THE RODEO AND ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD COURT ARTERY-CLOGGING FAR AND A MASSIVE FREE TRADE- SHOW COMPONENT.

THIS LIST OFFERED SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. ALL THE VENDORS HAD THE AIR OF WORLD-WEARY CARNIES; THEY MADE A LIVING TRAVELLING FROM SITE TO SITE. THERE WAS MUCH MORE GOING ON AT THE GREAT HOUSTON RODEO: FAMILY, STRONG WOMEN, LOVE, HOPE, AND DESPAIR WERE REFLECTED UPON THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE, AND LIKE MOST PLACES, IT MADE FOR INTERESTING OBSERVATION.

DULCE PINZÓN/

DULCE PINZÓN WAS BORN IN MEXICO CITY IN 1974. SHE STUDIED MASS MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS AMÉRICAS IN PUEBLA, MEXICO, AND PHOTOGRAPHY AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN PENNSYLVANIA. IN 1995 SHE MOVED TO NEW YORK WHERE SHE STUDIED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

PINZÓN'S WORK HAS BEEN EXHIBITED, PUBLISHED AND COLLECTED INTERNATIONALLY. IN 2001, HER PHOTOS WERE USED FOR THE COVER OF THE SPANISH EDITION OF THE BOOK BY HOWARD ZINN, "A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES". IN 2002 SHE WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS MEXICAN GRANT JÓVENES CREADORES (YOUNG ARTISTS). IN 2004 SHE WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE TWO-

DIMENSIONAL CATEGORY AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF CONTEMPORARY ART IN PUEBLA. LATER, IN 2006, SHE WON THE FIRST PRIZE AT THE

XII PHOTOGRAPHY BIENNIAL OF THE CENTRO DE LA IMAGEN IN MEXICO CITY. IN THAT SAME YEAR SHE WAS AN INTERN AT THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, IN 2009, SHE WAS AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE FORD FOUNDATION.

SHE HAS RECEIVED AWARDS SUCH AS THE GAEA FOUNDATION/SEA CHANGE RESIDENCIES AWARD IN 2010 AND THE AWARD PREMIO DE ADQUISICIÓN PERRIER DE ZONA MACO IN 2011. IN 2012 SHE WAS NOMINATED FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS PRIX PICTET AWARD.

HER BOOK "LA VERDADERA HISTORIA DE LOS SUPERHÉROES" (THE TRUE HISTORY OF SUPERHEROES) HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED BY RM.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, SHE WAS INVITED TO TAKE PART AT THE RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL LES RENCONTRES D'ARLES PHOTOGRAPHIE IN FRANCE. SHE ALSO TOOK PART IN THE PHOTOIRELAND FESTIVAL IN DUBLIN AND IN THE SHOW "MÁS ALLÁ DE LA REPORTERÍA FOTOGRÁFICA" (BEYOND PHOTO JOURNALISM) IN BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA.

HER WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY ESOPUS, MARIE CLAIRE SOUTH AFRICA AND THAILAND, MILENIO, MOTHER JONES, PICNIC, ROLLING STONES ITALY, VICE, THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE GUARDIAN UK, THE WASHINGTON POST, LA JORNADA, EL REFORMA, EL PAÍS, AMONG OTHER MEDIA.

SHE IS CURRENTLY A FORD FOUNDATION FELLOW AND LIVES BOTH IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AND IN MEXICO.

SERIES OF SATIRICAL DOCUMENTARIES FEATURING ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN IN THEIR WORK ENVIRONMENT IN NEW YORK. THEY ARE IMMIGRANTS DRESSED UP BY THE ARTIST AS SUPERHEROES, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF QUESTIONING OUR DEFINITION OF HEROISM AFTER 9/11, AS WELL AS OUR IGNORANCE ABOUT THE WORKFORCE THAT FUELS OUR EVER-CONSUMING ECONOMY. IMMIGRANTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE

NEW BLOOD THAT INJECTS VITALITY TO A CITY, BUT THE PROCESS OF ACCEPTING THESE NEWCOMERS INTO THE EVERYDAY LIFE TAKES TIME. THE ARTIST BELIEVES THAT BY INTRODUCING THEM IN A CREATIVE POSITIVE WAY SHE CAN ELEVATE RESPECT FOR AND AWARENESS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANT LABOR TO THE DAILY LIVES OF US ALL. MOST PEOPLE OFTEN GO THROUGH THEIR DAILY LIVES IN IGNORANCE OR DENIAL OF THE SACRIFICES THAT ARE MADE BY OTHERS TO ENRICH AND ENSURE THEIR WAY OF LIFE.

DULCE PINZÓN WANTS TO KEEP PORTRAYING THOSE BRAVE AND DETERMINED MEN AND WOMEN THAT SOMEHOW MANAGE, WITHOUT ANY SUPERNATURAL POWER, TO WITHSTAND EXTREME CONDITIONS OF LABOR IN ORDER TO HELP THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES SURVIVE AND PROSPER. A TEXT IS INCORPORATED TO EACH IMAGE WITH THE NAME OF THE WORKERS, THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND HOW MUCH MONEY THEY ARE SENDING BACK HOME. THE PURPOSE IS HIGHLIGHTING THE HUMAN NATURE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS.

LIVIA CORONA/

LIVIA CORONA IS A JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM FELLOW AND RECIPIENT OF AN SNCA ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, GRANTED BY MEXICO'S COMMISSION OF ARTS AND CULTURE. SHE IS A NEW VOICE DEFINING THE REINVENTION OF DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY, BASED ON HER WAY OF APPROACHING SOCIAL TOPICS OF MASSIVE SCALE AND PRESENTING THE ISSUES ON A PERSONALIZED AND INTIMATE LEVEL. CORONA IS THE AUTHOR OF TWO MONOGRAPHS, "ENANITOS TOREROS" (BULLFIGHTER DWARFS), 2008 AND "OF PEOPLE AND HOUSES", 2009, BOTH FOCUS ON QUALITY OF LIFE AS IT MANIFESTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. CORONA'S PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE WON NUMEROUS AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS AND EXHIBIT INTERNATIONALLY, AT VENUES INCLUDING PHOTOESPAÑA, MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, MEXICO

CITY; VALENCIA INSTITUTE OF MODERN ART; NEW MUSEUM, NY; AND DAZ, ARCHITEKTUR ZENTRUM, BERLIN. HER WORK HAS BEEN FEATURED IN NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING DOMUS, MARK MAGAZINE, LES INROCKUPTIBLES, AND THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE. CORONA LIVES AND WORKS IN MEXICO CITY AND NEW YORK CITY.

ABOUT THE SERIES "FOTOS FINAS". LIVIA CORONA'S PORTRAITS ARE DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR CLOSE LINK BETWEEN POWER AND REPRESENTATION, WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO EXPRESS A CERTAIN POLITICAL AFFILIATION OR TREND. SINCE SHE WORKS MAINLY IN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES, HER PHOTOGRAPHS PORTRAY "LOCAL" SITUATIONS THAT ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO DEPERSONALIZATION DUE TO THE GLOBALIZATION THAT IS INCREASINGLY ROOTED IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE. TO BREAK WITH THIS VISION THAT MAKES US WATCH AND ASSESS EVERYTHING UNDER A COMMON SKYLINE, THE ARTIST USES SEVERAL STRATEGIES, INCLUDING A FRONTAL PERSPECTIVE IN HER PORTRAITS WHICH PROJECTS AN ORTHOGONAL TENSION BETWEEN THE MODEL'S LOOK AND THE LOOK FROM THE CAMERA'S ANGLE. IN FACT, THE MODEL'S VALUE ARISES MORE FROM THE STRENGTH IN THAT FRONTAL REGARD THAN FROM THE PREVIOUS CONTEXTUALIZATION. WE COULD COMPARE THESE LIVIA'S PHOTOGRAPHS WITH TARGET SHOOTING, HER CAMERA BEING A TARGET THAT THE MODEL TRIES TO REACH, WITH A HIGHER OR LOWER INTENSITY, MORE OR LESS SKILLFULLY. THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE, PORTRAITS AIMED AT RAISING THE VIEWER'S "AWARENESS" THROUGH A VAGUE LOOK. ULTIMATELY, THIS REVEALS SOME KIND OF MUTUAL SYMPATHY BETWEEN THE ARTIST AND THE MODEL. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ARTIST APPEALS TO A CERTAIN DISTANCE WHICH, IN A WAY, PRODUCES THIS FRONTAL ANGLE AS A CRITICAL TOOL,

PROVIDING THE DOCUMENTARY LOOK WITH ITS CHARACTERISTIC VISUAL THICKNESS.

STEFAN RUÍZ/

STEFAN RUÍZ STUDIED PAINTING AND SCULPTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ, AND THE ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI, VENICE, BEFORE TURNING TO PHOTOGRAPHY. IN ADDITION, HE HAS TAUGHT ART AT SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON AND WAS THE CREATIVE DIRECTOR FOR COLORS MAGAZINE FROM 2003 TO 2004. HIS WORK HAS APPEARED IN MAGAZINES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, DETAILS, L'UOMO VOGUE AND ROLLING STONE. HIS PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED AT THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY, LONDON; PHOTOESPAÑA, MADRID; LES RENCONTRES D'ARLES, FRANCE; NEW YORK PHOTO FESTIVAL; HAVANA BIENNIAL; AND THE CONTACT PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL, TORONTO. IN 2012, APERTURE PUBLISHED HIS MONOGRAPH, "THE FACTORY OF DREAMS", A BOOK ON MEXICAN SOAP OPERAS.

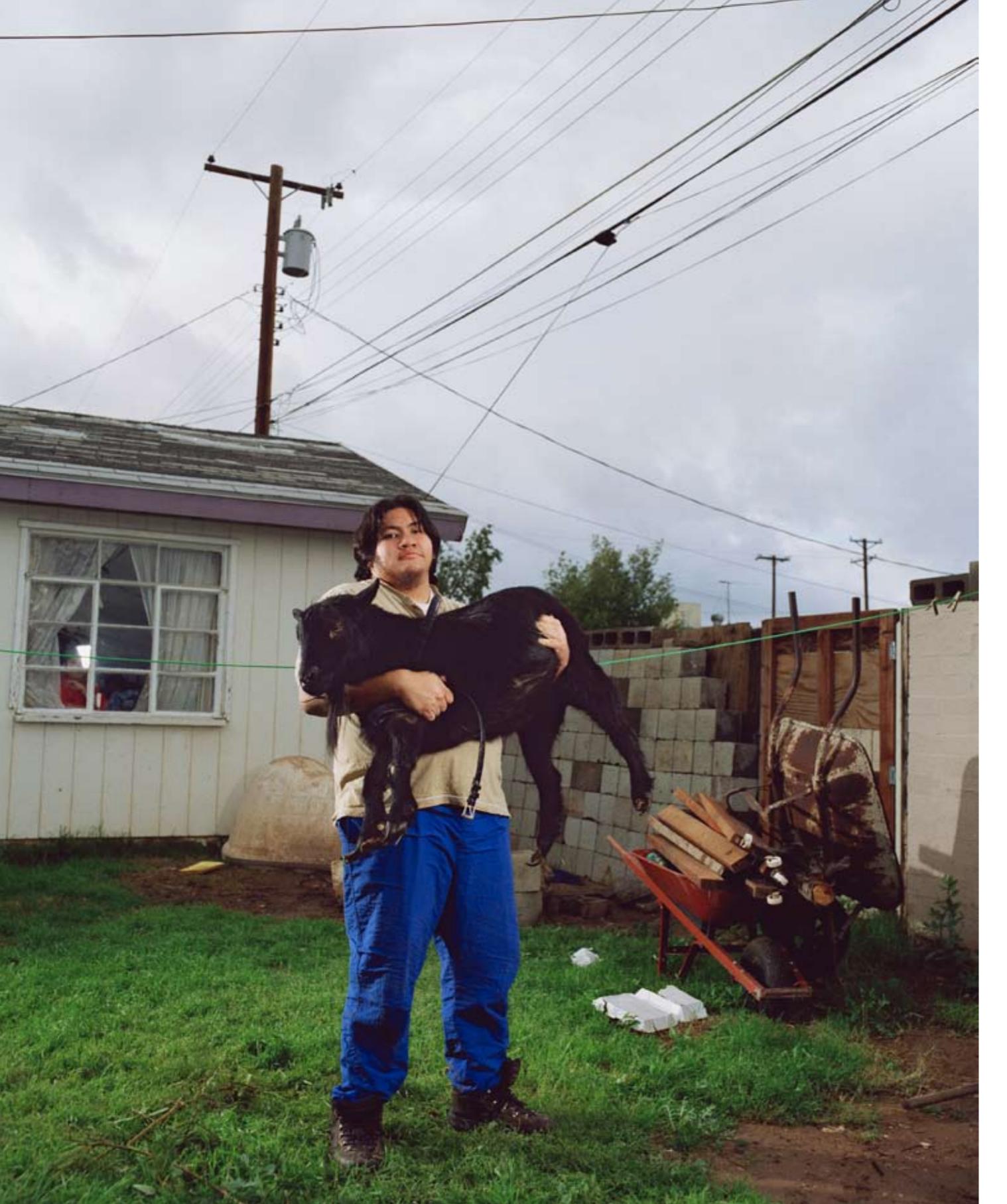
FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, STEFAN RUÍZ HAS GAINED SPECIAL ACCESS TO MEXICO'S TELEVISIÓN STUDIOS, KNOWN AS "The Factory of Dreams," WHERE NEARLY FIFTY THOUSAND HOURS WORTH OF TELENOVELAS (SOAP OPERAS) ARE PRODUCED AND EXPORTED ANNUALLY TO MORE THAN FIFTY COUNTRIES. THESE INTRIGUING TALES OF REVENGE, LOVE, MONEY, AND DESPAIR ARE ONE OF MEXICO'S LARGEST EXPORTS, POPULAR THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS IN AFRICA, ASIA, AND EUROPE. FORMER TELEVISIÓN STARS TURNED HOLLYWOOD FAVORITES INCLUDE SALMA HAYEK, DIEGO LUNA, AND GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL. ROGELIO GUERRA, WHO STARRED IN LOS RICOS TAMBIÉN LLORAN (THE RICH ALSO CRY)—A SHOW WHOSE FINALE WAS WATCHED BY 70 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF RUSSIA—ONCE DELIVERED THE RUSSIAN NEW YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS WHEN BORIS YELTSIN FELL ILL.

STEFAN RUÍZ'S PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FACTORY AND ITS PEOPLE OFFER A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THIS SPECIAL PLACE WITH HUMOR AND AFFECTION. RUÍZ'S PHOTOGRAPHS UNCOVER A SECRET WORLD OF ELABORATE AND SURREAL STUDIO SETS, AND INCLUDE PORTRAITS OF THE TELEVISION STARS IN CHARACTER AND STUDENTS BEING GROOMED FOR FUTURE CELEBRITY AT THE TELEVISIÓN "SOAP SCHOOL." THIS IS THE WORLD OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN, HANDSOME MEN, AND RAGS-TO-RICHES CINDERELLA STORIES, WHICH REVEAL THE UNDERLYING FANTASIES OF SOCIAL ASPIRATION, AS WELL AS ENTRENCHED RACIAL HIERARCHIES.

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IN THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE CLAUDI CARRERAS, AN INDEPENDENT CURATOR FROM BARCELONA, AND FRANK GOODYEAR, A CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF "LATINO US," AN INVESTIGATION INTO HISPANIC PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO ARE USING THE CAMERA TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF HISPANICS LIVING IN THE AMERICAS. BEGINNING IN 2010, CARRERAS SPENT EIGHTEEN MONTHS VISITING WORKING PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REVIEWING THEIR RECENT WORK. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN LATINO CENTER, CARRERAS WILL ASSIST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AN EXHIBITION ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AT THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY IN THE FALL OF 2014. THIS DIALOGUE IS AN EXCERPT FROM AN E-MAIL CONVERSATION BETWEEN CARRERAS AND GOODYEAR HELD DURING THE SUMMER OF 2012.

FRANK GOODYEAR [FG]/ WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO BEGIN LOOKING AT THE WORK OF HISPANIC PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE AMERICAS?

CLAUDI CARRERAS [CC]/ IT HAS BEEN ALMOST TEN YEARS SINCE I STARTED A TRIP THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA FOR A NEWSPAPER FROM BARCELONA CALLED LA VANGUARDIA. MY IDEA WAS TO PRESENT A SERIES OF ARTICLES THAT FEATURED THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE WORKS OF CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHERS LIVING IN THE REGION. NORMALLY, THE IMAGES FROM LATIN AMERICA THAT WE RECEIVE IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE FULL OF THE EXOTICISM AND RITUALISM THAT IS ROUTINELY ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE LANDS. THE MOST COMMON WORKS TO BE PUBLISHED COME FROM CORRESPONDENTS OR AGENCIES THAT SPEND LITTLE TIME IN THOSE COUNTRIES AND THAT PRESENT A VERY BIASED, INCOMPLETE, AND PARTIAL REALITY. THEY ALMOST ALWAYS INSIST ON THE MOST COMMON STEREOTYPED TOPICS. THESE REPRESENTATIONS THAT REFLECT THE PRECONCEPTIONS OF SYNCRETIC RITUALS, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, LUSH LANDSCAPES, EPIC REVOLUTIONARIES, POVERTY AND VIOLENCE ARE ALSO WIDELY ACCEPTED WITHIN THE ART WORLD. THAT IS TO SAY, THE TRADITIONAL VIEW WE RECEIVE FROM LATIN AMERICA PRESENTS A VERY LIMITED VIEW OF EVERYTHING THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS THERE.

IN THIS SERIES FOR LA VANGUARDIA, WE WANTED TO SHOW LOCAL PERSPECTIVES THROUGH WORKS PRODUCED BY PHOTOGRAPHERS RESIDING IN THE REGION. FOR THAT PROJECT, I TRAVELED FOR TWO YEARS THROUGH EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES TO FIND NOTABLE INDIVIDUALS. USING THE MATERIALS I COLLECTED AND THE CONTACTS I MADE, I WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP EDITORIAL PROJECTS AND EXHIBITIONS.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I NOTICED ON THIS TRIP WAS THAT MANY PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO STARTED THEIR JOURNEY IN LATIN AMERICA NOW LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. IN ALMOST ALL OF THE COUNTRIES I VISITED, INTERVIEWEES SPOKE TO ME OF GREAT PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO HAD IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA AND ARE NOW WORKING THERE. THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BEACON

LIGHT FOR MANY LATIN AMERICAN ARTISTS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE BECOME A PART OF NORTH AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS OR WHO HAVE TAKEN ACADEMIC COURSES THERE. I BELIEVE THAT ONE CANNOT TRY TO APPROACH THE LATINO WORLD TODAY WITHOUT HAVING IN MIND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES. HISTORICALLY, THE TIES BETWEEN CREATORS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN UNDENIABLE, BUT NOW THERE IS ALSO AN EXCITING TWO-WAY ROAD.

FG/ WERE THERE PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPHERS WHOSE WORK YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY KNOWN ABOUT?

CC/ THE STRATEGIES I USED TO GET TO KNOW THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS ALWAYS VARIED. OF COURSE, BEFORE VISITING A CITY TO REQUEST INTERVIEWS, I SEARCHED ALL THE CHANNELS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING PUBLICATIONS AND THE INTERNET. HOWEVER, THIS INFORMATION IS VERY GENERAL AND THERE IS A COST TO FINDING PROFESSIONALS THIS WAY. LUCKILY, IN THESE PAST YEARS, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF IMPORTANT CONTACTS AND IT HAS NOT BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND SUPPORT FOR A FIRST REVIEW IN EACH CITY. IN MY OPINION, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO TRAVEL AND PERSONALLY INTERVIEW PEOPLE.

MOST SURPRISINGLY, I FOUND THAT LITTLE COMMUNICATION EXISTED BETWEEN DIFFERENT CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. BEYOND THE MOST ACCLAIMED AND WELL-KNOWN NAMES IN THE COUNTRY, THERE ARE NOT MANY NETWORKS OR WAYS TO COMMUNICATE, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO REACH OUT TO PHOTOGRAPHERS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT CAN HELP ESTABLISH CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PRODUCERS AND IMAGE DISTRIBUTORS, AND WILL RESULT IN MORE ACCURATE VIEWS OF LATINO LIFE.

FG/ WHAT ISSUES OR QUESTIONS WERE THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS ADDRESSING IN THEIR WORK?

CC/ THE CREATIVE ISSUES ARE MULTIFACETED AND THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE INVESTIGATING. MY FIRST OBJECTIVE FOR THIS BOOK WAS TO TRY TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE MOST FREQUENT STIGMAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LATINO POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES. I THINK THAT THE FIGURE OF THE POOR, ILLEGALLY-EMPLOYED LATINO WHO IS NOT WELL INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY IS ALREADY WELL REPRESENTED. THE REALITY IS A LOT MORE DIVERSE. THERE ARE LATINOS AT EVERY LEVEL OF SOCIETY IN THIS COUNTRY.

IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT MANY PHOTOGRAPHERS CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THESE CLICHÉS, AND IT IS A REALITY THAT CANNOT BE, NOR SHOULD BE DENIED. BUT FOR "LATINO US," I WANTED TO LOOK AT THE DAILY LIFE OF THE LATINO WORLD IN THIS COUNTRY. I WANTED TO MOVE AWAY FROM PREDOMINANT STEREOTYPES AND PRESENT DIFFERENT ARTISTS FROM THIS MULTIFACETED PERSPECTIVE. THE INITIAL QUESTIONS INCLUDED: HOW DO WE SEE OURSELVES? WHAT DO WE DO ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS? HOW ARE WE LINKED TO OUR CULTURES AND OUR BACKGROUNDS?

FG/ WHAT WERE YOU SEEING IN THEIR WORK THAT INTERESTED YOU? OR SURPRISED YOU?

CC/ THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT HAVE SURPRISED AND INTERESTED ME ALONG THIS JOURNEY, BUT I AM ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN WORKS ON THE BORDER BETWEEN DIFFERENT PHOTOGRAPHIC GENRES—PROJECTS THAT GIVE ME A PARTIAL VIEW OF A CERTAIN REALITY WITH TRACES OF OWNERSHIP AND METAPHORIC OVERTONES. THEY CAN'T BE CONSIDERED STRICTLY DOCUMENTARY BECAUSE THEY FORM PART OF A COMPLICATED PATTERN IN WHICH AESTHETIC INTENTIONS AND FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS OF EACH ARTIST ARE DISPLAYED. I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE MOST INTERESTING THINGS ARE DEVELOPED ALONG THE BORDERS. I THINK THAT THE CREATIVE FORCES OF THE LATINO UNIVERSE OFFER A BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE.

FG/ THE BORDER THAT SEPARATES THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA IS MORE THAN A PHYSICAL LINE OF DEMARCTION. IT ALSO REPRESENTS DIVISIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES THAT ARE BOTH HISTORICAL AND VERY REAL TODAY. LIFE IN COMMUNITIES NEAR THE US-MEXICO BORDER IS SHAPED IN PROFOUND WAYS BY THESE DIVISIONS. COULD YOU COMMENT ON SPECIFIC PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO ARE WORKING NEAR THE BORDER? WHAT ARE THEY PRESENTING IN THEIR PHOTOGRAPHY THAT COMPLICATES THE TRADITIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PLACE AND THOSE WHO LIVE THERE? WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC MISCONCEPTIONS THAT THEY LOOKING TO OVERCOME? WHAT NEW STORIES ARE THEY LOOKING TO TELL?

CC/ THE CONCEPT OF THE BORDER IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THIS INVESTIGATION. WHEN TRYING TO DEAL WITH ISSUES OF IDENTITY IN A COUNTRY AS BIG AS THE UNITED STATES, IT IS NECESSARY TO STOP AND CONSIDER THIS POINT VERY CAREFULLY. FIRST, BORDERS HAVE INTERESTED ME BEYOND THEIR PHYSICAL BEING. HOW DO YOU CONTINUOUSLY REFORMULATE IDENTITY PARADIGMS CONCERNING COUNTRIES THAT RECEIVE MASSIVE IMMIGRATIONS? WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES BEYOND A COMPENDIUM OF ALL OF THESE HISTORIC MIGRATIONS? I DON'T HAVE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO INVESTIGATE HOW THE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE STARTS TO INFILTRATE INTO THESE REALITIES AND MAKE EVIDENT THE CHANGES THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THE COUNTRY.

IN THIS PROJECT IT IS INTERESTING TO SEE HOW ARTISTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSE PROJECTS WITH THE THEME OF THE "BORDER," EVEN THOUGH THE TERRITORIAL DEMARCTION IS THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY. IN "LATINO US," WE ARE PUTTING SPECIAL ATTENTION ON HOW BORDERS ARE REDEFINED. WHAT ARE THE TRANSVERSAL ELEMENTS THAT ALLOW US TO TALK ABOUT A COMMUNITY, AND HOW ARE THESE IDEAS ARTICULATED IN THE CONTEMPORARY ICONOGRAPHY? THESE CONCERNs WERE FUNDAMENTAL IN THE FINAL SELECTION OF IMAGES.

TWO ARTISTS I ADMIRE WHOSE WORKS REFLECT THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE REGION ARE JAVIER RAMÍREZ LIMÓN AND ALEJANDRO CARTAGENA Y JESÚS ESCANDÓN, BOTH OF WHOM RESIDE IN MÉXICO, YET HAVE COMPLETED PHOTOGRAPHIC SERIES IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS INTERESTING TO SEE THEIR PERSPECTIVE HAVING BEEN BORN ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER FIGURES WORKING IN AMERICA LIKE STEVEN ST. JOHN OF ALBUQUERQUE AND BRIAN FRANK OF SAN FRANCISCO.

FG/ LARGE CITIES IN AMERICA—LIKE NEW YORK, LA, MIAMI, SAN ANTONIO, AND DENVER—are crossroads for many from South America and Latin America. Some are looking to settle permanently in these cities; others are passing through. The Hispanic population in these cities is increasingly visible and increasingly important both politically and culturally. What are some of the subjects that photographers in those places are wishing to make visible? How do they see themselves in relationship with other urban ethnic communities? Is it fair to say that a new hybridity characterizes their existence in these places?

CC/ I WAS NOT INITIALLY AWARE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TRANSIT OF PEOPLE IN LARGE AMERICAN CITIES UNTIL I STARTED TO TRAVEL AROUND THE UNITED STATES. THESE BIG CITIES HAVE A HUGE FLOW OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING PEOPLE. THIS MOVEMENT SYMBOLIZES IMPORTANTLY THE WAY IN WHICH RESIDENTS RELATE. IT IS ALSO CENTRAL TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECTS THAT WE PRESENT IN "LATINO US."

IN PARTICULAR, MIAMI CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. IT IS FAST BECOMING THE GREAT CAPITAL OF LATIN AMERICA IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS CONTINUOUSLY RECEIVING IMMIGRANTS FROM EVERYWHERE, ARRIVING WITH THE INTENTION OF STAYING IN THE COUNTRY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY SETTLING PERMANENTLY THERE. THE CITY RECEIVES A GREAT DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE WHO COME WITH THE INTENTION OF REUNITING WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND MAKING A PROSPEROUS LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES. WHILE THE CUBAN COMMUNITY PLAYS A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE, MANY MEXICANS, VENEZUELANs, AND CENTRAL AMERICANS CHOOSE FLORIDA AS THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES. FURTHER, THE REGION RECEIVES AN ENDLESS STREAM OF TOURISTS FROM EVERYWHERE, WHICH ALSO ADDS TO THAT FEELING OF A SOCIETY IN TRANSIT. THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SERIES BY RICARDO CASES REFLECTS WELL THAT FEELING OF MOVEMENT TO WHICH I'M REFERRING. CHICAGO CAUGHT MY ATTENTION TOO. IN MANY WAYS, IT IS THE OPPOSITE OF MIAMI, A CITY THAT IMMIGRANTS TEND TO ARRIVE AT WITH THE INTENTION TO STAY AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STRUCTURE OF THE COUNTRY.

FG/ WHILE PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE OFTEN LOOKING TO COMPLICATE ASSUMPTIONS AND TO ADDRESS LARGER

PROBLEMS THROUGH THEIR WORK, THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING TO CELEBRATE THE BEAUTIFUL AND THE HEROIC. WHAT HAVE PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED TO CELEBRATE REGARDING THE LIVES OF THOSE WITHIN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES? WHO ARE THE HEROES, AND HOW HAVE THEY CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THEM?

CC/ IT'S IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE DIVERSITY THAT EXISTS WITHIN THE TERM "LATINO." THERE IS OFTEN LITTLE IN COMMON BETWEEN A VENEZUELAN IMMIGRANT WHO WANTS TO SAFEGUARD HIS FORTUNE BY INVESTING IN MIAMI AND A CENTRAL AMERICAN IMMIGRANT WHO CROSSES THE MEXICAN BORDER AND WALKS THROUGH THE DESERT TO WORK IN THE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. FROM THOSE EXTREME POINTS THE RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES IS HUGE. I CANNOT CONTEXTUALIZE SUCH A WIDE REALITY, BUT I CAN REMARK THAT THE STARTING POINT FOR "LATINO US" CONCERNs THE DESIRE TO PRESENT THESE COEXISTENT REALITIES AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE AND TO COMPLICATE THE UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THOSE WHO FIT UNDER THIS UMBRELLA.

IN REFERENCE TO THE HEROES OF THE COMMUNITY, MAYBE THERE IS A LITTLE MORE AGREEMENT. THE WORKERS WHO COME TO THE UNITED STATES AND MANAGE TO OVERCOME MANY OBSTACLES TO SUCCEED HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS PROJECT. I THINK SOMEONE WHO DEALS MASTERFULLY WITH THIS REALITY IS DULCE PINZÓN. IN HIS SERIES "SUPERHEROES," HE PHOTOGRAPHS CITIZENS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES, BUT ESPECIALLY FROM MEXICO, DISGUISED AS AMERICAN SUPERHEROES. HIS SUBJECTS SEND MUCH OF THEIR SALARIES TO THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN. WORK AND THE DESIRE TO SUCCEED IN THE UNITED STATES ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

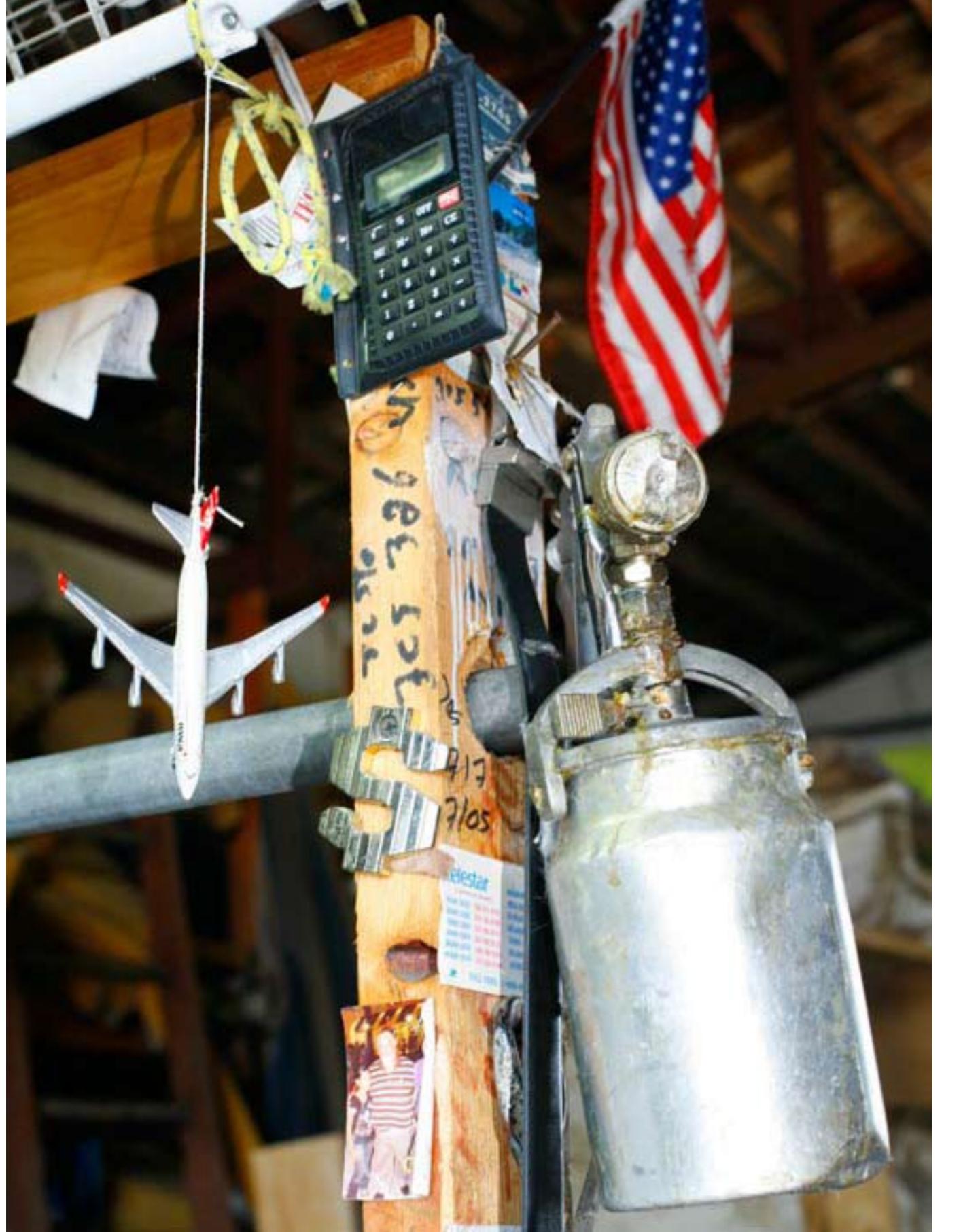
FG/ REGARDING THE PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH WHOM YOU'VE WORKED, HOW DOES THEIR PRACTICE RELATE TO THE TRADITION OF DOCUMENTARY EXPRESSION? OBVIOUSLY, EACH ARTIST APPROACHES THEIR PRACTICE DIFFERENTLY, BUT I AM INTERESTED IN WHETHER TRADITIONAL DOCUMENTARY PRACTICE REMAINS A PREFERRED APPROACH FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHERS SELECTED FOR "LATINO US"? IN WHAT WAYS HAVE THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS DEPARTED FROM THE PAST AND BROKEN NEW GROUND IN TERMS OF HOW THEY MAKE VISIBLE THEIR SUBJECTS? WHO OR WHAT HAS BEEN MOST INFLUENTIAL IN THE EVOLVING TRADITION OF DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY?

CC/ THE HISTORY OF DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE UNITED STATES HAS DEEPLY INFLUENCED THE MAJORITY OF THESE ARTISTS. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN EDUCATED IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS. YET THEIR OWN WORK HAS BEEN MORE VARIED AND, AS WE SAY IN SPAIN, "THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE." THAT SAID, HERE ARE A FEW THOUGHTS: FIRST, THE DOCUMENTARY GENRE IS CONTINUOUSLY BEING DECONSTRUCTED. ALSO,

THE PORTRAIT HAS GREATLY RESONATED IN THIS GENRE, AND THERE ARE INCREASINGLY MORE DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO FOCUS ON PORTRAITS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE PROJECTS MEANT TO DOCUMENT BROAD REALITIES. IN "LATINO US," I'M TRYING TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE WAYS OF REPRESENTATION WITH WHICH THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOOSE TO WORK. I'M INTERESTED IN IMAGES WITH A HIGH SEMANTIC CONTENT AND IMAGES THAT GO BEYOND WHAT CAN BE INTERPRETED IN ITS FIRST READING. TODAY IT IS ESSENTIAL TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECT BEING PHOTOGRAPHED AND THE LANGUAGE USED IN THE ARTIST'S REPRESENTATION. TO CREATE SURPRISE WITH IMAGES IS BECOMING EVEN MORE COMPLICATED, AND THERE ARE NO PRE-SET FORMULAS. UN FUERTE ABRAZO, CLAUDI.

FG/ IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE. THANK YOU AND BEST REGARDS, FRANK.





LAS LECTURAS SOCIOLOGICAS DE ESTE MUNDO GLOBAL DEL S.XXI EMPIEZAN A ESTAR LLENAS DE IMPOSIBLES: DELIMITAR EL FENOMENO LATINO EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ES UNO DE ELLOS. CUALQUIER INTENTO DE HALLAR UN RASGO DIFERENCIAL Y, A LA VEZ, COMUN DENOMINADOR DE LOS LATINOS EN NORTEAMERICA SE RESUELVE DE FORMA FALLIDA. SIEMPRE SE ENCONTRARA ALGUNA CONTRADICCION QUE DESLEGITIME DE RAIZ EL RASGO COMUN QUE SE CREYO ENCONTRAR. ESTA ES LA MAYOR DIFICULTAD QUE ENFRENTA LATINO/US Y TAMBIEN, EL MEJOR DE SUS ALICIENTES. LA COMUNIDAD LATINA ES UN WORK-IN-PROGRESS QUE SE ACTUALIZA CON DATOS NUEVOS A CADA MINUTO. POR SUPUESTO, ENCONTRAMOS FACTORES Y CONDICIONANTES QUE DESPIERTAN Y ALIENTAN UN MARCADO SENTIMIENTO DE COMUNIDAD. LA LITERATURA, LA MUSICA, LAS TELENOVELAS, LA GASTRONOMIA, EL VOTO LATINO, SUS SENADORES Y CONGRESISTAS, LOS IMAGINARIOS MAS O MENOS REPRESENTATIVOS Y SUS ESTEREOTIPOS... TODOS ELLOS, ELEMENTOS QUE NOS REMITEN INMEDIATAMENTE A UNA DETERMINADA ESENCE DE LA LATINIDAD. UNA IMAGEN REFERENCIAL QUE OPERA ACTIVAMENTE TANTO A NIVEL NACIONAL COMO INTERNACIONAL.

LA PRESENCIA LATINA EN EL TERRITORIO NORTEAMERICANO ES CADA VEZ MAYOR. SU INFLUENCIA DENTRO Y FUERA DE SUS FRONTERAS TAMBIEN CRECE DE FORMA CUALITATIVA. PERO ¿COMO SE DEFINE? ¿QUIEN FORMA PARTE? ¿COMO SE MANIFIESTA? Y SOBRE TODO, Y EN LO QUE AQUI NOS CONCIERNE, ¿COMO SE REPRESENTA?

EN EL AMBITO DE LOS IMAGINARIOS Y DE LAS REPRESENTACIONES, NO CAER EN EL ESTEREOTIPO O LOS CLICHES ES MUY DIFICIL. HAY UNA IMAGEN DE LO LATINO Y EVITAR EVOCARLA CUANDO SE TRATA DE REPRESENTACIONES DE GRUPO NO ES UNA TAREA SIMPLE. LO LATINO Y EL MUNDO AL QUE REMITE SIGUE ANCLADO SOBRE RIGIDOS ESTEREOTIPOS OBSOLETOS CREADOS DESDE LA OTREDAD. LA IMAGEN PRECONCEBIDA DE AQUELLO QUE ES LATINO SIGUE FUNCIONANDO

COMO CLAVE DE DEFINICION, IDENTIDAD Y PERTENENCIA; A PESAR DE QUE DICHA IMAGEN YA RESULTA ALGO OBSOLETA Y ESTA CADA VEZ MAS LEJOS DE LA REALIDAD.

LATINO/US COTIDIANO EN CONSECUENCIA, ARRANCA CON UN CUESTIONAMIENTO DE LA IMAGEN HABITUAL DE LO LATINO: LA QUE NOS APARECE CON LA INMEDIATEZ DE LOS AUTOMATISMOS REFERENCIALES. CUESTIONAMOS EL ESTEREOTIPO, NO PORQUE NO SEA REPRESENTATIVO, O PORQUE NO FORME PARTE DE LA EXPERIENCIA COMUNITARIA, SINO PORQUE EN ESA IMAGEN NO HAY NADA DE NUEVO. Y LO LATINO EN ESTADOS UNIDOS ES UNA REALIDAD CAMBIANTE, QUE EVOLUCIONA, REVOLUCIONA, MUTA, REGENERA, QUE SE REINVENTA DESDE SU ORIGEN. LATINO/US GENERA UN RECORRIDO VIRTUAL DESDE DIFERENTES MIRADAS FORMANDO UNA VISIÓN POLIÉDRICA QUE NO PRETENDE IDENTIFICAR, MARCAR, O CONTENER. SÓLO TRATA DE CONSTRUIR UN MAPA IMAGINARIO DE NARRATIVAS VISUALES Y MODOS DE REPRESENTACIÓN QUE TIENEN COMO REFERENTE CREATIVO E IDENTITARIO EL UNIVERSO DE "LO LATINO".

EL PRIMER PROYECTO QUE PRESENTAMOS, EL DEL BRASILEÑO CALÉ, MUESTRA UNA MIRADA REFLEXIVA SOBRE LA IDENTIDAD EN UNA MEGALÓPOLIS COMO NUEVA YORK. CUESTIONANDO LA IDENTIDAD DEL MIGRANTE; EL FOCO DE LA ESCENA ESTÁ EN EL CONTEXTO, Y EL SUJETO PRINCIPAL PIERDE SU PERSONALIDAD EN PRO DE LA CIUDAD QUE LO ACOGE. EN SU SERIE, CALÉ DESDIBUJA A SUS PERSONAJES PARA RESALTAR LAS SEÑAS DEL PAISAJE.

EN UNA LÍNEA MUCHO MÁS DOCUMENTAL, LA FOTÓGRAFA PERUANA GHAN TUBBEH RETRATA DISTINTOS PERSONAJES DE LOS BARRIOS LATINOS EN NYC. CON UNA VISIÓN FORÁNEA, TUBBEH INCORPORA IMÁGENES DESENFADADAS QUE LOGRAN UN INTERESANTE DIÁLOGO CON LAS DE LA ARGENTINA SOL ARAMENDI, QUE TIENE UNA MIRADA TRENDY DE SU ENTORNO MÁS INMEDIATO. LA OBRA DE ARAMENDI SE CARACTERIZA POR SOFISTICADAS PUESTAS

EN ESCENA QUE REFLEJAN LA LATINIDAD Y A SU VEZ LA INTERROGAN. EN SU PROYECTO PARA LATINO/US, SIN EMBARGO, MUESTRA UNA APROXIMACIÓN ABSOLUTAMENTE CERCANA MEDIANTE SNAPSHOTS DE SU VIDA COTIDIANA.

CARLOS ÁLVAREZ MONTERO, FOTÓGRAFO MEXICANO, CIERRA ESTE APARTADO SOBRE NUEVA YORK Y SU UNIVERSO LATINO, CON UNA SERIE DE RETRATOS QUE SURGEN BAJO EL EMBLEMA: "NO PARECES MEXICANO". TODA UNA DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIÓNES.

NOS TRASLADAMOS A LA OTRA COSTA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE LA MANO DEL FOTÓGRAFO DE ORIGEN PERUANO HÉCTOR MATA, QUIEN REALIZÓ LA SERIE "L.ATINOS" EN CALIFORNIA, LOS ÁNGELES; REPRESENTANDO SIMBÓLICAMENTE EN CADA IMAGEN DUALIDADES EMBLEMÁTICAS DE LAS DISTINTAS COMUNIDADES QUE COHABITAN EN LA COSTA OESTE. DUALIDADES QUE EXTRAÑAMENTE NO SE CONTRADICEN, SE SUMAN EN UN CONTEXTO SÓLO OPUESTO EN APARIENCIA.

RICARDO CASES, FOTÓGRAFO DE ORIGEN ESPAÑOL PRESENTA SU PARTICULAR MIRADA DE MIAMI. SU RECORRIDO VISUAL PARTE DEL DESCONOCIMIENTO COMO HIPÓTESIS DE TRABAJO. DEAMBULA ENTRE LA INCREDULIDAD Y LA SORPRESA. CONSIGUIENDO CAPTURAR CON IRÓNICA MAESTRÍA LAS CONTRADICCIONES DE LA GRAN URBE DE LA FLORIDA Y SUS HABITANTES.

EL PRIMER PROYECTO QUE NO MUESTRA EL TERRITORIO DE EEUU ES EL DE LA FOTÓGRAFA NORTEAMERICANA KATRINA D'AUTREMONT. DE ASCENDENCIA ARGENTINA POR PARTE DE MADRE, D'AUTREMONT FOTOGRAFÍA LAS VACACIONES CON SU FAMILIA MATERNA EN BUENOS AIRES. DESDE UNA PERSPECTIVA DISTANTE Y ALEJADA, LA AUTORA REFLEJA LA COMPLEJA APROXIMACIÓN DE DOS REALIDADES CULTURALES BIEN LEJANAS PESE A LA PROXIMIDAD GENÉTICA.

KAREN MIRANDA, ARTISTA ECUATORIANA RESIDENTE EN NEW JERSEY, MUESTRA A TRAVÉS DE SU TRABAJO SINCERO E ÍNTIMO, LA VULNERABILIDAD Y LOS MIEDOS DE

LOS RECIÉN LLEGADOS. EN CADA UNA DE SUS FOTOGRAFÍAS, MIRANDA BUSCA LA REPRESENTACIÓN DE SUS PRIMERAS SENSACIONES AL LLEGAR AL PAÍS.

SUSANA RAAB SE SITÚA EN LA OTRA CARA DE LA MONEDA, CON UNA MIRADA IRÓNICA Y CON TINTES CÓMICOS, MUESTRA LAS SITUACIONES CASI INVEROSÍMILES DE UN RODEO EN HOUSTON QUE SE EXHIBE SIN COMPLEJOS.

DULCE PINZÓN SE SUMA A LATINO/US CON UNO DE SUS PROYECTOS MÁS EMBLEMÁTICOS Y QUE MAYOR DIFUSIÓN Y REPERCUSIÓN HA TENIDO: SUPERHÉROES. EN ESTA SERIE, PINZÓN RETRATA A TRABAJADORES INMIGRANTES EN SUS TAREAS COTIDIANAS DISFRAZADOS DE UN SUPERHÉROE DEL IMAGINARIO ESTADOUNIDENSE. EL TÍTULO DE CADA UNA DE LAS IMÁGENES REDIMENSIONA TODA LA OBRA: EL NOMBRE DEL TRABAJADOR Y EL DINERO QUE ENVÍA A SU FAMILIA CADA SEMANA.

DOS PROYECTOS DE RETRATOS CIERRAN ESTA SELECCIÓN, LIVIA CORONA CON CINCO IMÁGENES FRONTALES EN LAS QUE MUESTRA CON PROFUNDIDAD LAS EXPRESIONES Y VIVENCIAS DE SUS PERSONAJES Y "FACTORY OF DREAMS" DE STEFAN RUIZ DONDE SE PRESENTAN ACTORES Y ESCENARIOS DE LAS TELENOVELAS MEXICANAS QUE INUNDAN LAS CADENAS DE ESTADOS UNIDOS Y CONSTRUYEN LOS ESTEREOTIPOS LATINOS DE MAYOR ÉXITO Y RELEVANCIA EN LA REGIÓN.

TODOS LOS TRABAJOS MUESTRAN PUES, FRAGMENTOS DE ESE UNIVERSO LATINO-ESTADOUNIDENSE QUE SIGUE EN EXPANSIÓN. SIN DUDA, HAY MUCHOS MÁS TRABAJOS Y AUTORES QUE TRATAN DE DIMENSIONAR ESTAS REALIDADES, PERO HEMOS QUERIDO MOSTRAR AQUÍ UN POLIEDRO DE 12 ARISTAS PARA INCIDIR EN ESTE DEBATE INTERMINABLE QUE CUESTIONA LA IDENTIDAD DE LA COMUNIDAD LATINA EN USA. UN POLIEDRO QUE CONTIENE Y MUESTRA EL DESARROLLO CONSTANTE E IMPARABLE EN EL QUE SE VE INMERSA LA COMUNIDAD DE LATINO/US.





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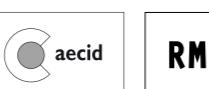
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