

Light is one of the world's most ubiquitous symbols. It is spiritual and divine. It is a source of goodness — a hopeful guide in the face of darkness and uncertainty. **CANDLES** is a collection of photos dedicated to everlasting faith.

All around the world, churches are visited by individuals seeking answers, guidance and comfort. The flames they ignite are an assemblage of thousands of dreams and memories they so desperately want to keep alive.

Each of the 20 photos in this collection captures a single gleam of hope. A hope for love, for protection, for wisdom. Together, they shine bright, showing us that even in the darkest hour, there is always light.



Candles

Photography Listing

Images will be produced on acrylic. Size to be determined based upon dimensions of space.

1. Church of the Eremitani, Padua, Italy (2016)
2. St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, Austria (2016)
3. Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey, Barcelona, Spain (2016)
4. Metropolitan Cathedral, Guatemala City, Guatemala (2012)
5. St. Nikola Church, Kotor, Montenegro (2016)
6. Berlin Cathedral, Berlin, Germany (2014)
7. Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris, France (2015)
8. Metropolitan Cathedral, Guatemala City, Guatemala (2012)
9. St. Nikola Church, Kotor, Montenegro (2016)
10. Salamanca Cathedral, Salamanca, Spain (2012)
11. Metropolitan Cathedral of Quito, Quito, Ecuador (2014)
12. St. Francis Church, Kochi, India (2010)
13. Lisbon Cathedral, Lisbon, Portugal (2013)
14. St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, USA (2012)
15. St. Nikola Church, Kotor, Montenegro (2016)
16. Tromso Cathedral, Tromso, Norway (2015)
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18. Bernhard von Aosta Chapel on the Gornegrat, Zermatt, Switzerland (2015)
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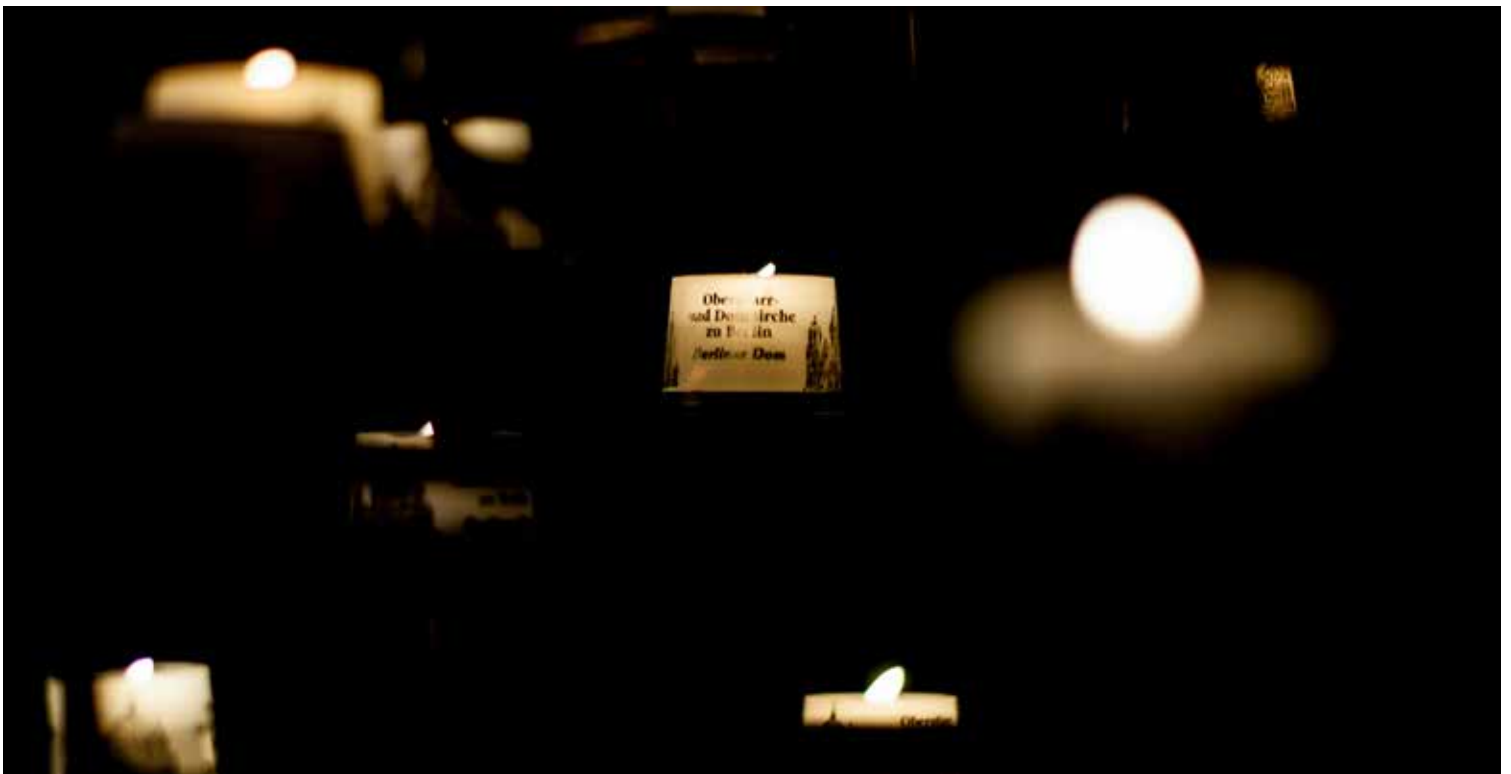
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Artist Statement

Combining photography with my passion for travel enables me to embrace the ultimate freedom of immersing myself in a culture and exploring its people, nature and architecture. From a ceramicist at a artisan market to a burning candle at a century-old cathedral, it has often been the most seemingly mundane moments that have sparked my curiosity through the lens. My creative evolution is driven by an endless wanderlust and desire to share my perspectives of the world.



Bio

Marlene Herrera is an award-winning photographer based in Miami, Florida. An avid traveler and adventurer with a passion for diverse cultures, Herrera has amassed an impressive portfolio of images shot in over 50 countries. With people, nature and architecture figuring frequently as main subjects of her work, Herrera enjoys capturing visually striking moments in day-to-day settings, inviting viewers to decode a story or simply take pleasure in the unique nuances of people and places around the world.

Herrera's photographs have been showcased in several juried exhibitions in museums and galleries. Many of her images have been displayed in private businesses around South Florida and are part of private collections around the world. Herrera earned an M.S. in Marketing and a B.S. in Mass Communications with a minor in Visual Arts from Florida International University. She also holds an A.S. in Graphic Design Technology and an A.A. in Graphic/Commercial Arts from Miami Dade College.



Exhibitions

2017

March

Art From The Heart, charity exhibition, The Gallery at Carrollwood Cultural Center, Tampa, FL
Bloom, juried group exhibition, The Gallery at Carrollwood Cultural Center, Tampa, FL

May

NOS Citrus Fair, national juried photography exhibit, San Bernardino, CA

June

Pets and People, juried group exhibition, 311 Gallery, Raleigh, NC

August

2017 California Open Exhibition, TAG Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

August - September

Gone to the Dogs 7, juried group exhibition, Niza Knoll Gallery, Denver, CO
2017 Annual Flowers & Gardens, juried group exhibition, 311 Gallery, Raleigh, NC
ELEMENTS | WATER, juried group online exhibition, Cultural Center of Cape Cod, South Yarmouth, MA

August - October

Souvenirs of Summer, juried group exhibition, Fabulon Center for Art and Education, Charleston, SC

September - December

Gateway to Imagination, juried group exhibition, Farmington Museum, Farmington, NM

October - November

Orange is the New Black, juried group exhibition, Ashton Gallery at Art on 30th, San Diego, CA
The Garden Variety, juried group exhibition, First Light Gallery benefit for Waterfront Botanical Gardens, Louisville, KY
Current Works 2017, juried group exhibition, Kansas City Artists Coalition's Mallin and Jacqueline B. Charno Galleries, Kansas City, MO
The Photography Exhibition 2017, juried group exhibition, Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, KS

November

Landscapes & Seascapes, juried group exhibition, 311 Gallery, Raleigh, NC

July 2017 - June 2018

1st Annual International Contemporary Art, finalists' virtual gallery, Open Art Miami, Miami, FL



2016

July – December

Monument, group exhibition, Thorvaldsen Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark

2015

March-June

Capture, juried group exhibition, Coral Gables Museum, Coral Gables, FL

November

Party on the Plaza, charity exhibition, Coral Gables Museum, Coral Gables, FL

Untitled, The Market, Coral Gables, FL

Private Collections

Various private collections around world: Miami, FL; Hawaii, HI; San Francisco, CA; Tromso, Norway; Allentown, PA and Sydney, Australia.

Distinctions

2017

Second place winner, NOS Citrus Fair, national juried photography exhibit, San Bernardino, CA

Third place winner, NOS Citrus Fair, national juried photography exhibit, San Bernardino, CA

Photography, Finalist, Open Art Miami, international contemporary art competition, Miami, FL

People's Choice Award winner, Pets and People, juried group exhibition, 311 Gallery, Raleigh, NC

2016

Photographer of the Year and featured calendar image, Associated Photo & Imaging

2015

Finalist, Culinary Arts Category, *Capture*, Coral Gables Museum

Published Works/Commissions

2014 Norwegian Cruise Line, marketing collateral and direct mail
Secret Cycling Society, website

2015 Camillus House, Gala ad

2016 Miami Dade College Study Abroad, marketing collateral

Tea & Poets, Miami, FL, social media promotion

Glass Fantasy Murano, Venice, Italy, social media and website promotion

2017 Casa de Cuqui, Merida, Mexico architectural real estate photography

David Jewelry of Miami, social media and website promotions

Al Capone Cigillos, Inter-Continental Cigar Corporation, social media photo content

Education

2017 M.S., Marketing - Florida International University

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