

JOSEPHINE SACABO

“I believe in Art as a means of transcendence and connection. My images are simply what I’ve made from what I have been given. I hope they have done justice to their sources and that they will, for a moment, stay “the shadows of contentment too short lived.”

— Josephine Sacabo

Sacabo divides her time between New Orleans and Mexico. Both places inform her work, resulting in imagery that is as dreamlike, surreal, and romantic as the places that she calls home.

Born in Laredo, Texas, in 1944, she was educated at Bard College in New York. Prior to coming to New Orleans, Sacabo lived and worked extensively in France and England. Her earlier work was in the photo-journalistic tradition and influenced by Robert Frank, Josef Koudelka, and Henri Cartier-Bresson. She now works in a very subjective, introspective style, using poetry as the genesis for her work. Her many portfolios are visual manifestations of the written word, and she lists poets as her most important influences, including Rilke, Baudelaire, Pedro Salinas, Vicente Huidobro, and Juan Rulfo, Mallarmé, and Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz. Her images transfer the viewer into a world of constructed beauty.

During her 36 year career her work has been featured in over 40 gallery and museum exhibitions in the U.S., Europe and Mexico. She has been the recipient of multiple awards and is included in the permanent collections of the George Eastman House, the International Center of Photography, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and la Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France.

**“De este cuerpo eres el alma, y eres cuerpo de esta sombra.”
(You are the soul of this body and the body of this shade.)**

— Sor Juana Inés De La Cruz

MONOGRAPHS

- 2011 *Oyeme con los Ojos*, Luna Press
- 2004 *Duino Elegies*, 21ST Editions
- 2002 *Pedro Paramo*, University of Texas Press
- 2002 *Cante Jondo*, 21ST Editions
- 1991 *Un Femme Habitée*, Editions Marval, Paris

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1976 Deville Gallery, New Orleans
- 1979 Historic New Orleans Collection
- 1981 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
- 1983 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
- 1985 Mario Villa Gallery, New Orleans
- 1988 Mario Villa Gallery, New Orleans
- 1990 Gallery Junod, Lausanne
- 1990 Portfolio Gallery, London
- 1991 Galerie Fanny Guillon-Lafaille, Paris
- 1991 Mario Villa Gallery, Chicago
- 1992 Galerie du Château D’Eau, Toulouse
- 1993 Galeria El Cadejo, Antigua, Guatemala
- 1993 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans
- 1994 Louisiana State University Gallery
- 1995 American Cultural Center, Brussels

1997 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans
1998 Sol Del Rio Gallery, Guatemala City
1998 Gallery of Contemporary Photography, Santa Barbara, CA
1998 Photo España 98, Madrid
1998 Foto Septiembre, Puebla, Mexico
1999 Galeria Del Teatro, Buenos Aires
1999 Centro Del Imagen, Mexico
2000 Photo Fusion Gallery, West Palm Beach
2001 Woodstock Center for Photography, New York
2002 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans
2003 Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago
2003 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans
2004 John Stevenson Gallery, New York
2005 Verve Fine Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2005 John Stevenson Gallery, New York
2005 Stephanie Hoppen Gallery, London, UK
2007 Galeria Pergola, San Miguel de Allende, MX
2008 Verve Fine Arts, Santa Fé New Mexico
2008 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans, LA.
2008 Hallmark Museum of Photography, Turner Falls, Mass.
2008 Galerie BMG, Woodstock, NY
2009 Galeria Pergola, San Miguel de Allende, MX
2010 Instituto Cultural de Mexico, San Antonio, TX
2010 Galería Pergola, San Miguel De Allende, Mexico
2010 Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX
2011 Verve Fine Arts Gallery, Santa Fé, NM
2011 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans, LA
2011 Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

1975-1983 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA
1976 Deville Gallery, New Orleans, LA
1977 Soho Photographic Gallery, New York, NY
1979 Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA
1981 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA
1983 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA
1984 Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC
1985 New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts, New Orleans, LA
1985 Mario Villa Gallery, New Orleans, LA
1986 New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
1988 Mario Villa Gallery, New Orleans, LA
1988 Torino Biennale, Torino, Italy
1988-1990 New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
1990 Gallery Junod, Lausanne, Switzerland
1990 Portfolio Gallery, London, England
1991 Galerie Fanny Guillon-Lafaille, Paris
1991 Mario Villa Gallery, Chicago, IL
1991 Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Richmond, VA
1991 Picture House, Leiscester, England
1991 Focal Point Gallery, Southend-on-Sea, England
1991 Galerie du Château D'Eau, Toulouse, France
1992 Galerie du Château D'Eau, Toulouse, France
1993 Galeria El Cadejo, Antigua, Guatemala
1993 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans, LA
1994 Louisiana State University Gallery, Hammond, LA
1995 American Cultural Center, Brussels, Belgium
1995 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA
1997 A Gallery for Fine Photography, New Orleans, LA

1998 Sole Del Rio Gallery, Guatemala City, Guatemala
1998 Gallery of Contemporary Photography, Santa Monica, CA
1998 Photo España '98, Madrid, Spain
1998 Foto Septiembre, Puebla, Mexico
1999 Galeria Del Teatro, San Martin, Buenos Aires
1999 Centro Del Imagen, traveling exhibit, Mexico
2000 Photo Fusion Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL
2000 Steven L. Clark Gallery, Austin, TX
2001 Center for Photography at Woodstock, NY
2002 Steven L. Clark Gallery, Austin, TX
2003 "Lessons from the Shadows," Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL
2005 "Geometry of Echoes," John Stevenson Gallery, New York, NY
2007 "Susana San Juan," Galeria Pergola, San Miguel de Allende, MX

SELECTED PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

ARCO Corporation
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France
Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
George Eastman House
Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA
Houston Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX
International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, Rochester, NY
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Lykes Steamship Company
Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
Paris Audio-Visual, Paris, France
Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Washington, D.C.
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
Wittliff Collection of Southwestern and Mexican Art, San Marcos, TX

AWARDS

1983 Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, 1st Prize
1984 Louisiana Photography Fellowship
1985 New Orleans Academy of the Fine Arts, Best of Show
1986 Louisiana State University, Best of Show
1994 Artist in Residence Ecole National de la Photographie, Arles
1996 Workshop Director, Rencontres Internationales de la Photographie, Arles