

# FRUMA MARKOWITZ – PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Artist Bio

Fruma Markowitz was formally trained in photography and fine arts at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem, Israel, where she graduated with a BFA in Photography in 1984. For the next five years she worked as a photojournalist, book jacket designer, portraitist and fashion photographer, as well as exhibiting her personal work in several group exhibitions in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

In 1988 Fruma discovered the creative possibilities for using computers in both her commercial and creative work, and consequently earned an MPS from New York University's Interactive Telecommunications department. For the past 25 years she has had a "day job" as a user experience strategist and designer of numerous web sites, mobile apps, and software products across a variety of industries.

Since moving to CT in 2003 Fruma's photography practice has functioned as her personal visual diary. She makes images daily and shows her work at both local and national fine art venues, all while commuting to work in NYC and raising a family. During the COVID-19 pandemic her practice pivoted towards engagement with historic and alternative photographic processes. Concern with women's and environmental issues are consistent themes in her work.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2021.** "Sara's Trousseau," Westport Library Bookstore Gallery, Westport, CT
- 2012** Solos 123, "Dirty Dishes," Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023** The Art of Handmade Photography, Vermont Center for Photography, Brattleboro, VT, Juror: Dale Rio  
Hand Me Down, Gallery 263, Cambridge, MA, Juror: Lai Sun Keane  
CameraWorks, 2023, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT, Juror: Paula Tognarelli  
Behind the Lens 2023, RI Center for Photographic Arts, Providence, RI, Invitational curated by David DeMelim  
Living Image, The Halide Project, Philadelphia, PA, Juror: Paula Tognarelli
- 2022** 28th Members juried Show, Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA Jurors: Frances Jakubek and Iaritz Menjivar  
18th Julia Margaret Cameron Award for Women Photographers, Foto Nostrum Gallery, Barcelona Juror: KK de Paul, et. al.  
70 Over 60, invitational curated by Nancy Moore, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
Krappy Kamera Competition 2022, SoHo Photo Gallery, NY, NY, Juror: Doborah Klomp Ching
- 2021** Winter Solstice 2021, Member Show, Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA  
Visions of Nature - Contemporary Views in Alt. Photo Techniques, Light ArtSpace, Silver City, NM, Juror: Diana Bloomfield  
Alternative Processes, SoHo Photo Gallery, NY, NY, Juror: Paula Tognarelli  
Socially Distant Art: Creativity in Lockdown, Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum, Norwalk, CT, Juror: Gail Ingis  
Images 2021, Shoreline Arts Alliance, Guilford, CT, Jurors: Johnnie Chatman, Kristi Odom, and Sybylla Smith
- 2020** Forsaken, Southeast Center for Photography, Greenville, SC, Juror: Leslie-Claire Spillman  
Alternative Processes, SoHo Photo Gallery, NY, NY, Juror: Aline Smithson  
Photography and Sculpture, Rowayton Arts Center, Rowayton, CT, Honorable Mention

- From A Seed: A World of Botanicals, NY Center for Photographic Arts, NY, NY, Juror: Aline Smithson, Honorable Mention  
 IMAGES 2020, Shoreline Arts Alliance, Guilford, CT, Jurors: Sean Kernan, Jessica Roscio, Ron Rosenstock  
 Alternative Processes, Southeast Center for Photography, Greenville, SC, Juror: Jill Enfield  
 Winter Solstice 2020 Member Exhibition, Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA  
 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Show, Carriage Barn Art Center, New Canaan, CT, Juror: Stephen Wilkes  
 Utopia – Visions and Traditions, Yiddish New York & Stanton Street Shul, NY, NY, Jurors: Deborah Ugoretz/Tine Kindermann
- 2019** "The Shape of Memories," Loft Artists Association, Stamford, CT  
 41<sup>st</sup> Open Juried Photography Exhibition, The Salmagundi Club, New York, NY  
 CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Honorable Mention, Juror: Joe McNally  
 Intentional Spaces, PhotoPlace Gallery Online, Juror: Laura Moya
- 2018** "Universe," Member Show, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
 "Movement," Bruce S. Kershner Gallery, Fairfield, CT
- 2017** "The Power of Color," Bruce S. Kershner Gallery, Fairfield CT, Second Prize
- 2016** "By A Thread," Invitational curated by Nancy Moore, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
 2016 Juried Member Show, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
 Focus '16 Wilton Arts Council, Wilton, CT, Second Prize
- 2015** "Fact or Fiction," Bruce Kershner Gallery, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
- 2014** 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The Photography Dept. at Bezalel Academy of Art & Design, Jerusalem, Israel  
 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
 "The Women," Invitational curated by Nancy Moore, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
- 2013** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT Honorable Mention
- 2011** 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, Connecticut Women Artists, Jorgensen Gallery, UCONN, Storrs, CT  
 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT  
 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Photography Exhibition, Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan, CT  
 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Honorable Mention
- 2010** "Visual Diaries: Seeing Beyond Survivorship," Art Gallery Space, University Settlement, NY, NY  
 "Summer," Westport Art Center, Westport, CT  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Honorable Mention  
 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Art of the Northeast, Silvermine Guild Art Center, New Canaan, CT
- 2009** 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Westport Fine Arts Festival, CT  
 92<sup>nd</sup> Juried Exhibition at the Bendheim Galleries, Greenwich Art Society, Hyatt Regency Award
- 2008** "Why Not?" Women's Caucus for Art-CT Juried Show, Housatonic Museum, Bridgeport, CT  
 "CameraWorks," Ridgefield Guild of Artists
- 2007** Connecticut Women Artists Open Juried Show, Honorable Mention  
 "30<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition," Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Award of Excellence

- 2006 "29th Annual Juried Exhibition," Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Award of Excellence
- 2004 "Spectra '04," Silvermine Artists Guild Gallery, New Canaan, CT
- 2003 "Digital/Analog," Germaine Keller Gallery, Garrison, New York  
"Reflections," New Century Artists Gallery, New York, NY

### Professional Experience

- 2022 Modern Cyanotype, Expert Panel Presentation, Experimental Photo Festival, Summer 2022, Barcelona, Spain
- 2019 Photography Workshop Leader, "Me, My Selfie and I," The Creative Center, New York, NY
- 2018 Photography Workshop Leader, Project Return/Homes for Hope Women in Crisis, Westport, CT
- 2011-present Owner, Boxlight Productions; User Experience Strategy & Design, consultant for digital marketing agencies
- 1989-2010 Interactive Producer; Design and production of interactive services; "dot-coms," New York City
- 1984-89 Commercial Photographer; Editorial fashion, portraiture, feature news, advertising, Israel
- 1982-89 Photography Instructor; College-level courses at various art colleges and technical institutes, Israel

### Awards, Residencies and Publications

- 2022 Weir Farm Arts Center, Artist-In-Residence, September 11 - 30, 2022
- 2022 Anthotype Emulsions Vol. I, Published by Alternative Photography, Author/Editor: Malin Fabbri
- 2022 Drew Friedman Fund/Artists Collective of Westport, Materials Grant
- 2022 18<sup>th</sup> Julia Margaret Cameron Award for Women Photographers; Hon. Mention in categories Alternative Photography and Women Seen by Women
- 2021 The Hand Magazine, Issues #33 and #35
- 2020 Drew Friedman Fund/Artists Collective of Westport, Materials Grant
- 2019 Synagogues Along the Danube; Self-published book of photographs and writings
- 2018 A History of the Photography Department at the Bezalel Academy of Art & Design; Book by Noa Tzadkah
- 1989 Hot City: Tel Aviv in Photographs 1908-1988; edited by Ronit Shany, Fund for Literature and the Arts, Israel

### Arts Group Affiliations

- Since 2020 Silvermine Guild of Artists, New Canaan, CT
- Since 2020 Rowayton Arts Center Exhibiting Artist
- Since 2016 Artists' Collective of Westport, Westport, CT
- Since 2006 Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
- Since 1999 The Creative Center, New York, NY

### Formal Education

- 1991 Master of Professional Studies, Interactive Telecommunications, New York University, New York, NY
- 1984 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Photography, Bezalel Academy of Art & Design, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1978 Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Near Eastern Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA