

FRUMA MARKOWITZ – PHOTOGRAPHER

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Artist Bio

I have always been fascinated by what my childhood self called “the olden days.” Spellbound by faded sepia portraits of family members I'd never met, and hearing my parents' stories about escaping pogroms and poverty, I acquired an acute sensitivity to human suffering, alongside a deep awareness of the way time works to both elucidate and obscure human experience. Photography, as a so-called “time-based art” became the perfect medium for me to create my own visual interpretation of time. My father put a Kodak Brownie camera in my hands when I was seven, and I was hooked forever.

Yet, it wasn't until I graduated from college and moved to Israel that I dared to pursue photography in a serious way. I was a member of the first graduating class to earn a BFA in photography at the Bezalel Academy of Art & Design in Jerusalem, and worked as a commercial photographer and photography teacher for five years in Tel Aviv. I participated in my first group shows there, and joined an experimental group using computer graphics to make new kinds of photographic images (in 1987!!). I returned to the U.S. to pursue a Master's degree in Interactive Technology at NYU, which led to a great day job for 25+ years in digital marketing.

In the last 15 years, since moving to CT, I have become more dedicated to making and showing my work, all while commuting to work in NYC and raising a family. Concern with women's and environmental issues are always central themes in my work.

Solo Exhibitions

2012 Solos 123, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 “The Shape of Memories,” Loft Artists Association, Stamford, CT
41st 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
“Conversations,” Member Show, Ridgefield Guild of Artists
“Nature,” Bruce S. Kerschner Gallery, Fairfield, CT
- 2018 PopUp Show, Artists Collective of Westport, Westport, CT
“Universe,” Member Show, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
“Movement,” Bruce S. Kershner Gallery, Fairfield, CT
- 2017 Open Artists Studios, Weston Arts Council, Weston, CT
“The Power of Color,” Bruce S. Kershner Gallery, Fairfield CT, *Second Prize*
- 2016 “By A Thread,” Invitational curated by Nancy Moore, Ridgefield Guild of Artist
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, C
7th Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
Focus '15, Wilton Public Library, Wilton, CT
37th Annual Juried Exhibition, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
- 2014 30th Anniversary, The Photography Dept. at Bezalel Academy of Art & Design, Jerusalem, Israel
36th Annual Juried Exhibition, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
“The Women,” Invitational curated by Nancy Moore, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
- 2013 6th Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT *Honorable Mention*
“Foodies,” Westport Art Center, Westport, CT

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- 2011 82nd Annual Juried Exhibition, Connecticut Women Artists, Jorgensen Gallery, UCONN, Storrs, CT
4th Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
31st Annual Photography Exhibition, Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan, CT
33rd 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
3rd Annual CameraWorks, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, *Honorable Mention*
61st Annual Art of the Northeast, Silvermine Guild Art Center, New Canaan, CT
"Making Art Make Sense: The Creative Center Arts in Healthcare" Citicorp Building, LIC, NY 2009
"Visual Diaries," Art Gallery Space at University Settlement, The Creative Center, New York
"Members Group Show II," Westport Art Center, CT
- 2009 36th Annual Westport Fine Arts Festival, CT
Art to the Avenue, Greenwich Arts Council, CT
92nd 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
"Members Group Show," Westport Arts Center, Westport, CT
Ridgefield ArtWalk, Invitational in celebration of Ridgefield's 300th Anniversary
"CameraWorks," Ridgefield Guild of Artists
- 2007 Connecticut Women Artists Open Juried Show, *Honorable Mention*
"30th Annual Juried Exhibition," Ridgefield Guild of Artists, *Award of Excellence*
"Members Group Show II," Westport Arts Center, CT
- 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
"Alumni Artists," Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 2000
"Reflections," New Century Artists Gallery, New York, NY
- 1989 Aika Gallery at the Artists' Studios, Jerusalem, Israel
"Artists Make Masks," Cactus Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel 1988
- 1988 "Alumni Show," Bezalel Academy of Art & Design Gallery, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1987 "Face to Face," Meimad Visual Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel
"Artists Make Postcards," Cactus Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel

Work Experience

- 2018 *Photography Workshop Leader*, Project Return/Homes for Hope, Westport, CT
- 1997-present *User Experience Designer*; Consultant to interactive advertising agencies, designing web and mobile interfaces for Fortune 500 companies across multiple industries, NY, CT
- 1997-2010 *Partner/Owner, Medialuna Productions*; Interactive design and production studio, NY, CT
- 1989-96 *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

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Arts Group Affiliations

Since 2017 NEST Arts Factory, Bridgeport, CT
Since 2016 Artists' Collective of Westport, Westport, CT
Since 2006 Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT
Since 1999 The Creative Center, New York, NY

Pro-Bono and Volunteer Activities

Taproot Foundation: Strategic Branding and UX Design for Next Phase Web Marketing Initiative, 2017

Beacon & Main, CT: UX Design/Marketing Strategy for New Women's Economic Advocacy NPO, 2016-17

Photographer: CT Challenge Bike Ride Cancer Fundraiser, 2012, 20130.

Junior Achievement Classroom Volunteer: Weston Intermediate School, 2011 & 2012

*Girl Scouts of CT: Program Strategy Task Force Technology Lead; 2009-2011; Troop Leader, GS Troop 50640, Weston, CT (2003-2012); **Outstanding Leader Award** (2004)*

Parent Volunteer: Berkeley Carroll School, Brooklyn, NY: Conceived & led classroom-based workshops in media literacy (2001-2003) and diversity (2002-2003)

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

Workshops and Continuing Education

2018 Photographic Transfers onto Plexi and Aluminum, Silvermine Guild, New Canaan, CT
2018 Seminar: Self-Publishing Photography Books, Aperture, New York, NY
2017 Creative Aging and Arts-In-Healthcare Training Institute @ The Creative Center at University Settlement, NY
2017 The Ancient Architecture of Rome; online @ Coursera.org through Yale University
2018 Designing Cities; online @ Coursera.org through University of Pennsylvania
2016 A Brief History of Humankind; online @ Coursera.org through Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2015 The Language of Hollywood; online @ Coursera.org through Wesleyan University

Academic Awards and Publications

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
1983 Young Artists Recognition, Jerusalem Theater, Jerusalem, Israel
 Helena Rubenstein Prize for Excellence in Photography, Israel
1982 Agfa Award for Excellence in Photographic Studies, Israel
 Helena Rubenstein Prize for Excellence in Photography, Israel