



*"Photography is a mystical experience.
I see the soul of all who grant me the privilege
of photographing them." ~Phoenix*

Every time I go out to photograph nature I really find myself being called to go within. Photography is my way of communing with the Universe, Source or God ...whatever one may call that divine essence. My love, my divine call to art, is to truthfully capture those moments when my soul is touched by the extraordinary wonder and beauty seen through my camera's inner lens -- from colorful bugs, smaller than a fingernail's tip, to ever changing magnificent paintings presented every morning and night for humanity's delight. South Florida's wetlands and the Everglades in particular are my primary photography studio and sanctuary.

My approach to photography and life is grounded in my spiritual belief that "we are all one, we are all interconnected." As a nature photographer, for me the importance of nature is more than a scientific necessity for creating air, clean water and producing food. It is a sacred necessity for healing and bringing peace to the human soul. And, perhaps I have been the greatest beneficiary of nature's healing therapy.

Phoenix, *biography*



For Phoenix the extraordinary beauty of nature and wilderness are a wonder. Attempting to fix them in time is her passion; photography is her art. Known for her painterly approach to composition, light, color and texture in her photography, she is the recipient of an Artist in Residence in Ireland, public art grants and art awards. Her works have been honored in numerous juried exhibitions, showcased in 14 solo exhibitions, including Everglades National Park Gallery and Olive Stack Gallery, featured in magazines and calendars worldwide and can be found in private collections internationally.

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The seeds of being a nature photographer were planted as a child on family vacations to national parks when Phoenix accompanied her father as he magically captured each vista with a Polaroid camera and years later with a 35 mm SLR camera. This love of nature and photography was nurtured with a steady diet of watching nature programs on television and reading National Geographic Magazine.

Phoenix's approach to photography and life is grounded in her philosophical belief that we are all one, we are all interconnected. In protecting the world's nature and wildlife, the environment, we are really protecting the family of humanity. For Phoenix, the importance of nature is more than a scientific necessity for creating air, clean water and producing food. It is a sacred necessity for healing and bringing peace to the human soul.

A native Miamian and Broward County resident, Phoenix has enjoyed a varied career that ranges from public and media relations to business coach to English, journalism, film-making educator and published author. All disciplines have converged to form who she is today: an award-winning, celebrated nature photographer with a mission to touch people's hearts through art.

Marks translated her depth of experience in leadership and community engagement for large, public sector organizations into her career as a fine art photographer as well as leader of art organizations participating in public art. The former Chief of Staff to the Superintendent of Schools for the nation's fifth largest public school system, she managed staffs up to 98 people across five divisions -- including volunteers (over 20,000), media and public relations, and Board relations -- and was fiscally responsible for managing up to a \$10 million operating budget. In addition to her fine art photography, Phoenix has been the curator of eight exhibitions, including the prestigious Broward County “Doing Business As 2017 Exhibit” and the ENDANGERED Exhibit – Art Basel. In her fourth year as president of the National League of American Pen Women, Fort Lauderdale Branch, Phoenix also serves as president of Project COAT (Community of Artists Transform), dedicated to revitalizing communities through public mural art. Previously she served for three years as Vice President of the Broward Art Guild.

When not traveling to national parks, Phoenix's primary photography studio and sanctuary is south Florida's wetlands and the Everglades in particular. Her work captures the beauty of our natural environment while revealing our unique and fragile ecosystem.

Phoenix is a graduate of the University of Miami and Nova Southeastern University.

Phoenix, artist resume

GRANTS/RESIDENCY/CURATOR/HONORS (selected)

- 2017 - 2014 December, Curator, ENDANGERED Art & Photography International Contest supporting Center for Great Apes, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL
- 2017 June, Curator, Chrysalis: A Time for Change DBA 2017 Exhibit, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 May, Featured Artist, Home Show, Broward Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 February, Featured Artist, Endangered Exhibit-Europe, London, UK
- 2017 and 2012 November, Grant Recipient, Creative Incentive Program (CIP), Broward Cultural Council, Broward County, FL
- 2016 October, Artist Residency, Grace Stack Gallery, Listowel, Ireland
- 2015 April, Co-organizer and Curator, Celebration of Florida Wildlife and Nature Photography Exhibit, featuring 31 photographers and 80 pieces, raised \$4000+ for Green Cay Nature Center, Delray Beach, FL

PUBLIC ART

- 2017 December-Awarded, Utility Box Wraps, City of Oakland Park, FL, Kathleen Margoles, Community and Economic Development Director, kathleenm@oaklandparkfl.gov, 954-630-4240, Budget \$1,200
- 2017 November, President, Project COAT, International Mural project, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2015, September–December, Inside Out - Broward 100, Project Photographer, Broward County Cultural Division, Fort Lauderdale, FL

JURIED EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2018 June, Avant Garde, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2018 – 2014 April, Art and Soul, Business For the Arts of Broward, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2018 April, Art Florida, Broward Art Guild, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2018 March, Through a Women's Heart, Bailey Hall, Broward College, Davie, FL
- 2018 – 2014 January, Annual Fine Art Fair, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 - 2014 December, ENDANGERED Exhibition, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL
- 2017 November, Dali and Me, MAC Art Galleries, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 June, Chrysalis: A Time for Change DBA 2017 Exhibit, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 April, Tri-County Exhibition, Broward Art Guild, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 - 2012 April, Making New Impressions, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016 May & November, At Home With Art, Home Show, Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016 June, DBA Catalyst, Artist Entrepreneur Art Exhibition, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016 January-April, The Nature of Women, Bailey Hall Gallery, Davie, FL
- 2016 January, Art Bravo Exhibition, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL, *Sanctuary*
- 2015 November, FSA – National League of American Pen Women 2015 Art Competition, Orlando, FL
- 2015 July-October, "NATURE: Splendor of South Florida, Coconut Creek Recreational Center, Coconut Creek, FL
- 2015 July-September, "Do It Duet," Studio 18, Pembroke Pines, FL, 40 works
- 2013 December, Everglades Forever Project, Museum of Discover and Science, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2013 October, National Photography/Digital Imagery Exhibition, Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- 2013 September, Photo Now, Lighthouse Art Center Museum, Gallery & School of Art, Tequesta, FL (*Jurist Nancy Brown*)
- 2013 August, International Photography Competition, Artists Haven Gallery, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2011 September, Seasons Change Exhibition, Gallery 101, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2011 August, Summer Heat II Exhibition, Rossetti Fine Art, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2010 March, Arthur Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge 27th Annual Photography Contest, Boynton Beach, FL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2018 March-June, *Ireland Exhibit*, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Weston, FL
- 2018 January-April, *Photographs By Phoenix*, Las Olas Capital Arts, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Features 38 fine art photography works
- 2017 August-November, *Sacred Trees Exhibit*, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Weston, FL
- 2016 October, Olive Stack Gallery, Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland
- 2016 March-April, *23: Celebrating Everglades National Park* City of Sunrise Gallery, Sunrise, FL
- 2015 November, West Regional Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Featured 30 wetland, framed wall pieces

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- 2013 November-2014 September, *One Year in the Life of The Everglades*, Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2013 October, *Fort Lauderdale on Exhibit Now*, Fort Lauderdale City Hall, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2013 May-July, *Wild Florida Exhibition*, North Lauderdale Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2013 April, *Wetland Wonders Exhibition*, Broward Art Guild, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2012 December, *Photographs By Phoenix*, Java Boys, Wilton Manors, FL
- 2012 August, *Wild Florida*, Everglades National Park Gallery, Homestead, FL
- 2012 January-February, *Photographs By Phoenix*, Fat Village Art Walk, Bill Weller's Allstate Insurance Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2011 January, *Visions of Light*, Joe Picasso's, Fort Lauderdale, FL

UPCOMING SOLO EXHIBITS

- 2018 August-September, Bailey Contemporary Arts, BaCA, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2018 October-November, SB Architects, Coral Gables, FL
- 2018 December – 2019 January, City of Palm Beach Gardens, FL

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- 2018, *30 Photographs In 30 Days: Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way*, by Phoenix
- 2018 Chamber of Commerce, Lauderdale by the Sea, Calendar
- 2017 June, ArtHive Magazine, "The End of the Starving Artist," article and photograph
- 2017 April – December, Featured artist in international advertising campaign for 2017 ENDANGERED Art & Photography Contest, including Outdoor Photography Magazine, INK Magazine, UK publications (*Grace*)
- 2016 October, "Phoenix Rises at Listowel Gallery," Kerry's Eye, Listowel, Co Kerry, Ireland
- 2016 April, Sun-Sentinel Forum, article on Phoenix and her "23: Celebrating Everglades National Park" Exhibit
- 2016 Winter, The Pen Women Magazine, "Fort Lauderdale Branch Members Exhibit Work"
- 2015 September, Coconut Creek Lifestyle Magazine, "The Nature of Women"
- 2015 July, Sun-Sentinel, "Do It Duet" article with featured photograph
- 2015 National Wildlife Federation's "Page-A-Day Calendar"
- 2014 April, Arts Business Institute, Artist Profile
- 2014 April, National Wildlife Federation's "2014 Spirit of the Wild" calendar
- 2013 October, Fort Lauderdale Currents, City of Fort Lauderdale magazine
- 2013 August, HerLife South Florida Magazine
- 2013 July, ArtBlend Magazine
- 2012 Fall, University of Miami Magazine, "Cane in the Act: Q & A with Phoenix"
- 2012 March, National Wildlife Federation, "Nature's Mirror: 13 Spectacular Photos with Water Reflections"

TOUCHING HEARTS™ GREETING CARDS, June 2011-Current

Distinctive fine art photography cards by artist, feature over 100 designs, sold in gift stores throughout south Florida.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (selected)

President, Project COAT, Fort Lauderdale-International Muralist Project, August 2017-Current

President, National League of American PEN Women, Fort Lauderdale, FL Chapter, May 2015-Current

Vice President and Education Chair, Broward Art Guild, Board of Directors, Fort Lauderdale, FL, May 2013-2016

Member, National League of American Pen Women, Fort Lauderdale, FL Chapter, October 2014-Current

Member, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 2013-Current

Member, Broward Art Guild, Fort Lauderdale, FL, July 2011-Current

EDUCATION

Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, M.S., English, Administration and Supervision, Magna Cum Laude

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, B. Ed., English, Cum Laude

Miami Dade College, Miami, FL, A.A.