



*"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*

“Phoenix has a great sense of oneness with the natural world and understanding of composition, light and timing in photography. Very much in the manner of French humanist photographer Cartier-Bresson, she seems to capture the ‘it’ moment, the ‘decisive moment,’ that makes the photos worth the shot.”

*~ Juliana Forero, Ph.D., Curator
Bailey Contemporary Arts Center (BaCA), Pompano Beach*

Phoenix, who only goes by her first name, established a love of nature as a child during family vacations to national parks. Although, she taught film-making and photography early in her career she left them for some 20 year. Returning to photography in the digital age, she developed an exceptional talent and passion to help protect nature and wildlife. Today she is an internationally collected, award-winning conservation photographer who was recently awarded an Artist in Residence at America’s most visited national park, the Great Smoky Mountains.

“Being a nature photographer is a mystical experience. Like a meditation of light – color, texture, structure, pattern, and composition – it awakens an inner peace and knowingness.” ~Phoenix

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 in her photography, her works have been honored in numerous juried exhibitions, showcased in 19 solo exhibitions, including Everglades National Park Gallery, featured in magazines and calendars worldwide and can be found in private collections internationally.

The featured artist for the ENDANGERED exhibition in England, Phoenix is also the recipient of numerous awards including an artist residency in Ireland at the Olive Stack Gallery; the Broward Cultural Council’s Creative Investment Program Grant two times and curator of eight exhibitions. Phoenix is in her fifth year serving as president of the National League of American Pen Women, Fort Lauderdale Branch. She is also a principal in the Innovative Public Art Group.

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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, professional speaker 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.

A University of Miami graduate and native Miamian, Phoenix lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. When not photographing around the world, she calls South Florida’s wetland, The Everglades in particular, her studio.

Phoenix, artist resume

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected, 22 to date)

- 2022 February-April, *America the Beautiful*, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Coral Springs, FL
- 2021 October, *Plunge Into the Arts*, Plunge Beach Resort, Lauderdale-by-The-Sea, FL
- 2020 February-April, *FloridaScapes*, Collector's Gallery, Venice, Florida
- 2019 September, *Small Worlds*, Books & Books, Coral Gables
- 2019 June-September, *NatureScapes By Phoenix*, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Weston, FL
- 2018 October-November, SB Architects, Coral Gables, FL
- 2018 August-September, *The Everglades: Spirit of the Land*, BaCA, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2018 January-April, *Photographs By Phoenix*, Las Olas Capital Arts, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 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
- 2013-14 Nov - Sept, *One Year in the Life of The Everglades*, Ft Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce
- 2013 April, *Wetland Wonders Exhibition*, Broward Art Guild, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2012 August, *Wild Florida*, Everglades National Park Gallery, Homestead, FL

JURIED EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2021 August, *Plunge Into the Arts – Pen Women*, Plunge Beach Resort, Lauderdale by the Sea, FL
- 2021 August, *Superficial Photography*, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2021 April, *Starry Starry Nights Exhibit*, Tubac Art Center, Tubac, AZ
- 2021 April, *Changing Landscapes Exhibit*, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2021-2015 April, *Art and Soul*, Business For the Arts of Broward, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2021-2013 November-December, *ENDANGERED Exhibition*, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL
- 2021-2019, November, *Art+Stroll*, Business for the Arts of Broward, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2020 July-September, *Space Between Us*, BaCA, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2020 April-July, *Elementum and Tell Me a Story* Exhibits, Studio 18 Gallery, Pembroke Pines, FL
- 2019-2016, 2014, 2012 *Making New Impressions*, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2019 March-April, *Month of Photography Denver*, Center for Fine Art Photography, Denver, CO
- 2019-2016 January, *Annual Fine Art Fair*, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2019-2018 December-April, *Refresh*, Doubletree-GALLERYone Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2019-2018 December-January, *Gratitude & Joy*, Bailey Contemporary Arts, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2019-2018 June–December (2019), December-May (2018), CIRC Hotel, Hollywood, FL
- 2018 August & January 2019, *Wonder Exhibition*, Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO
- 2018 April, *Art Florida*, Broward Art Guild, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 November, *Dali and Me*, MAC Art Galleries, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 June, *Chrysalis: A Time for Change* DBA 2017, ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale, FL (& Curator).
- 2017 February, Featured Artist, *Endangered Exhibit*, London, UK. *Sold 16 art works*.
- 2016 November, *At Home With Art*, Fort Lauderdale Home Show, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016 January-April, *The Nature of Women*, Bailey Hall Gallery, Davie, FL. (*Artist and Curator*)
- 2015 November, National League of American Pen Women 2015 State Competition, Orlando, FL
- 2013 December, *Everglades Forever Project*, Museum of Discover and Science, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2013 October, National Photography Exhibition, Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- 2013 September, *Photo Now*, Lighthouse Art Center Museum & Gallery, Tequesta, FL

OTHER AWARDS/GRANTS/HONORS (selected)

- 2021 November, Cleveland Clinic Hospital acquired 22 works for permanent collection in Women's Center
- 2021 October, First Place, National League of American Pen Women, State of Florida Biennial
- 2021 August, Speaker, "How to Build and Grow Your Business Intensive for Artists", Florida SBDC at FAU
- 2021 July, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, First artist selected to "takeover" Instagram page
- 2021 May, Photograph selected as gift to Great Smoky Mountains National Park's 300+ volunteers
- 2021 August-2018 November, Speaker, John Knox Village: *Great Smoky Mountains National Park*, *The Everglades: Spirit of the Land*, *Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way*, *America the Beautiful*, *Holiday Portraits*, *Composition*
- 2021 January, Fidelity Investments, one of three featured artists in calendar
- 2019 May, Speaker, Broward & Beyond Business Conference, Art & Culture Track, Davie FL

- 2019 May, Speaker, *ENDANGERED Exhibit* at ArtServe, *The Everglades: Spirit of the Land*
- 2018 July, Light, Space & Time Exhibit, 9th Place out 1,558 entries from 39 countries worldwide
- 2017 May, Featured Artist, Fort Lauderdale Home Show, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 February, Featured Artist, *Endangered Exhibit*-Europe, London, UK
- 2016 September & 2012 November, Grant Recipient, Creative Incentive Program (CIP), Broward Cultural Council, Broward County, FL
- 2015 April, Co-organizer and Curator, *Celebration of Florida Wildlife & Nature Photography* Exhibit, 80 works by 31 photographers, raising \$4000+ for Green Cay Nature Center, Delray Beach, FL

RESIDENCIES

- 2021 March, Virtual Artist-in-Residence, Endangered Art4Apes
- 2019 October-November, Artist-In-Residence, Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- 2016 October, Artist-In-Residence, Olive Stack Gallery, Listowel, Ireland

PUBLIC ART

- 2017 & 2019, Awarded, Four (4) Utility Box Wraps, City of Oakland Park, FL
- 2017 November, President, Curate - Manage, Project COAT, International Mural Project, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2015, September–December, Inside Out - Broward 100, Project Photographer, 5 Projects, Broward County Cultural Division, Fort Lauderdale, FL

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- 2021 October, "Plunge into the Arts Exhibit: An Interview with Phoenix," *Living in Oakland Park Magazine*
- 2021 June, "GSMNP volunteers receive lens cloth with special photograph," *Friends of the Smokies Blog*
- 2021 May, "Program that saved more than 300,000 trees," *The Mountain Press*, Sevierville, TN
- 2021 February, "Phoenix's Photography Captures Beauty of GSMNP," *Friends of the Smokies Blog*
- 2020 December, "Talk With Phoenix," *ENDANGERED Art 4 Apes*, Video Interview with Founder
- 2020 November, "Don't get too close to wild animals," *New Pelican News*, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2020 October, "Shoutout Series Interview with Phoenix SpiritDiva," *Shoutout Miami*
- 2020 September, "Meet Phoenix SpiritDiva," *VoyageMIA*
- 2020 May, "Art & Chat – ArtServe Live" Video Interview with Curator Sophie Bonet
- 2020 Spring Issue, Cover Photo and Featured Article "A Mystical Experience," *The Pen Women Magazine*
- 2019 November, "'See Yourself in this Picture' by way of Phoenix," *The Mountain Press*, Sevierville, TN
- 2019 August, "Her photos captured a rare Everglades moment," *The Miami Herald*
- 2019 August, "Acclaimed conservation photographer, Phoenix, captures beauty of nature," *Miami's Community Newspapers*
- 2018 September, "Art & Life with Phoenix SpiritDiva," Thought Provokers Series, *VoyageMIA.com*
- 2018 August, "Spirit of the Everglades in Photography Exhibit Coming to BaCA," *Pelican Newspaper*, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2017 April – December, Featured artist in international advertising campaign for *ENDANGERED Art & Photography Contest*, including *Outdoor Photography Magazine*, *INK Magazine*, UK publications
- 2016 October, "Phoenix Rises at Listowel Gallery," *Kerry's Eye*, Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland
- 2016 April, *Sun-Sentinel*, article on Phoenix and her "23: Celebrating Everglades National Park"
- 2015 September, *Coconut Creek Lifestyle Magazine*, "The Nature of Women"
- 2015 July, *Sun-Sentinel*, "Do It Duet" article with featured photograph
- 2014 April, Arts Business Institute, Artist Profile
- 2013 October, *Fort Lauderdale Currents*, City of Fort Lauderdale magazine
- 2012 Fall, *University of Miami Magazine*, "Cane in the Act: Q & A with Phoenix"

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (selected)

Member, Appointed to Broward Cultural Division, Citizen Review Panel, Broward County, FL, January 2022-24

Art Chair, Scholarship Chair (May 2021) President, National League of American PEN Women, Fort Lauderdale, FL Branch, May 2015-April 2021

Member, Appointed to City of Fort Lauderdale Public Art and Placement Advisory Board, December 2020-Current

Vice President and Education Chair, Broward Art Guild, Board of Directors, Fort Lauderdale, FL, May 2013-16

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