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Artist Statement

My work aims to capture and show life at it's most vibrant & exciting. The photographs I take encourage people to see the intricacies, beauty and beyond the everyday. My artwork is often centered around environment and cultural identity. I celebrate culture in all its varied forms all over the world. I have photographed Europe and Asia capturing countries and cultures as I see and experience them. My work encourages viewers to feel awe and joy in the travelers quest and the rewards that experiencing other cultures can bring whilst developing my own cultural and gender identity through photography. My video work is also a homage to cinema and the process of film making and video art itself.

Education

2014-2014	Business GNVQ, Level 2, Princes Trust, South Yorkshire, UK
2013-2013	Contemporary Architecture, 20 CPD Credits, (online) MOOC, OOAC, New York, USA
2010-2011	French Reading, Level 2 (Intermediate), Grade 9, RCAT, Dinnington, UK
2006-2009	BA Honours Photography, 2:2, Camberwell College of Arts, UAL, London, UK
2005-2006	Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, Merit, Camberwell College of Arts, UAL, London, UK
2002-2004	Art and Design A, Wickersley School and Sports College, South Yorkshire, UK
2002-2004	English Combined A, Wickersley School and Sports College, South Yorkshire, UK
2002-2004	Graphic Design B, Wickersley School and Sports College, South Yorkshire, UK

Group Exhibitions

2017 *Artistank Launch Party*, Crypt Gallery, London
2017 *Colour Assembly*, Pop-up shop, London
2016 *The China Connection*, The Centre For Chinese Contemporary Art (CFCCA), Manchester
2013 *Gallery Town*, Rotherham

2012 *Art Takes Times Square*, New York, USA
 2012 *Welcome Show*, A.Gallery, Glasgow, Scotland
 2012 *Souvenir*, Pump House Gallery, London
 2012 *MOPLA + Smashbox Studios Group Show*, Los Angeles, USA
 2012 *Untitled*, Enjoy Gallery, Leeds
 2011 *Midlands Open 2011*, Tarpey Gallery, Castle Donnington
 2011 *Vibe Nation*, Vibe Gallery, London
 2011 *Artificial Light*, Cupola Gallery, Sheffield
 2011 *Open Salon*, Surface Gallery, Not Lost Festival, Nottingham
 2011 *Oxfordshire Artweeks*, Artspool, Oxford
 2011 *Art Soul Kollektive*, Warehouse, Sheffield
 2011 *Social Cinema*, The Residence Gallery, London
 2011 *Holy Ghost: The Collection*, New Gallery, London
 2011 *Fragile City*, The Stable, London
 2010 *Postcard Show 14*, The LAB, San Francisco, USA
 2010 *Brixton Salon*, Viewfinder Gallery, UK, December, London
 2010 *The Parallax Error*, Enjoy Gallery, Leeds
 2009 *Degree Show*, Camberwell College of Arts, London
 2008 *End of year show* (Camberwell College of Arts), Area 10, London
 2008 *Imperial Works*, Imperial Works, London
 2007 *Two.Things.That.There.Are.Never.Enough.Of*, The Sassoon Gallery, London
 2006 *TIT FOR TAT Collective Show*, Auto Italia Gallery, London
 2006 *Abstract Light Work*, Bessemer Gallery, Sheffield
 2004 *Colour Travel Photography Collection*, BRB, Sheffield

Filmography

2012 *The Glass Ceiling*, Culture Unplugged, Humanity Explored Festival, Pune, India
 2012 *The Glass Ceiling*, Festival of Nations, Austria
 2011 *The Glass Ceiling*, Rome Independent Film Festival, Italy
 2011 *The Glass Ceiling*, Un Film Per La Pace, Italy
 2011 *The Glass Ceiling*, Mediawave Independent Film and Music Gathering, Hungary
 2011 *The Glass Ceiling*, Video Festival Imperia, Italy
 2011 *The Glass Ceiling*, Heart of England Festival, Tenbury Wells, UK
 2011 *The Glass Ceiling*, The Residence Gallery, London
 2009 *The Glass Ceiling*, The Camberwell College of Arts Degree Show, UAL, London

Teaching

2012 Guest Lecturer, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield
 2010 Photography Workshop Tutor, The Site Gallery, Sheffield

Exhibition Catalogues

2010 Brixton Salon catalogue, Viewfinder Gallery, London

Competitions and Awards

2004 South Yorkshire Regional Finals, Channel 5 Big Art Challenge, Manchester