



24TH ANNUAL ATLANTA CELEBRATES PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL BEGINS

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The 24th Annual Atlanta Celebrates Photography (ACP) Festival has begun! Running until the end of October, the ACP Festival connects the art community throughout Atlanta, forged by a passion for photography. With over 50 events, the festival features an excellent lineup, including exhibitions, public art, artist talks, and more. An all-new staff, led by Executive Director Stephanie Dowda DeMer (she/her), has ushered in a roster of bold new programs.

One of the most intriguing is a public art project of trans artist Jess T. Dugan's (they/them) photographs at the Hyatt Centric in Midtown Atlanta, corresponding with Atlanta Pride weekend. In partnership with Capture Integration, ACP is creating an expansive installation of Dugan's photographs. The windows of the Hyatt facing 10th Street will exhibit several large-scale semi-translucent portraits, which will be viewable during the day, and illuminated from behind at night to create glowing light boxes. During the Pride Parade, a series of vinyl photo cubes will be added to the Hyatt's driveway. The public art will be on view from 10/06-10/09. An artist talk and book signing with Jess T. Dugan will take place at the Hyatt on 10/06 from 7-9 PM. This event is free and open to the public, but seats are limited, and tickets must be reserved on ACP's website.

Another exciting new development is a collaboration between ACP and Elsewhere Brewing to create a limited edition Art Beer. The beer can will feature the work of photographer, Jeremiah Thomas. The beer launch and ACPfest Kick-Off event will take place at Elsewhere Brewing on 9/22, 8-10 PM. Tickets and event details can be found on ACP's website. Jeremiah Thomas is our 2022 Emerging Artist Fellow, his solo exhibition opens at Mint Gallery on October 01, at 6 PM.

Other featured events also include a lecture with Tabitha Soren in conversation with Darius Himes at The Atlanta History Center on 09/15, whose solo exhibition will be at Jackson Fine Art (Opening 9/16, 6-8 PM), a solo exhibition of Gillian Laub's work at Atlanta Contemporary (Opening 9/22, 6-8 PM), an experimental installation by Mika Fengler at ACP's Grant Park space (Opening 10/13, 6-8 PM), two stunning photography exhibitions of emerging Atlanta talent at Mint Gallery (Opening 10/1 and 10/15 at 6-8 PM), and the documentary work by Atlanta-based photographer, Mark Anthony Brown Jr. on the Forest Cover apartment community, in partnership with Art Work Projects in Chicago, Brown was an Emerging Lens Fellow, and more.

On October 01, the ACP Gala Auction will be held at The Thompson Hotel Buckhead, from 11 AM - 2 PM. Esteemed auctioneer, Nicholas D. Lowry, Director of Swann Auction Galleries and frequent host of Antique Roadshow will present over 20 incredible works of fine art photography for our live auction. Details about the fundraising event can be found on ACP's website.

The ACP Festival Guide also returns to its printed form this year as a beautiful 15x22" broadside newspaper. It will be available at various locations around the city starting 9/16. An events map, calendar, newspaper pick-up map, and a digital version of the festival guide are all available on our new website: www.atlantacelebratesphotography.org.

Explore the ACP Festival events that help enrich, inspire, and transform our lives and the cultural community of Atlanta from now until the end of October.

About

Atlanta Celebrates Photography (ACP) is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to cultivating the photographic arts and enriching Atlanta's cultural community. ACP produces one of the country's largest annual photography festivals, ACPfest, professional development programs, education engagements, lectures, public art, and high-quality photography experiences.

Founded in 1998, ACP demonstrates a sustained commitment to making Atlanta the hub for photography by expanding public interest in photography and public art.

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