Esther **WOERDEHOFF**

BIOGRAPHY

Artist

Chervine

Chervine was born (in 1972) in Iran. He grew up in Paris and moved to New York in 2008. A self-taught photographer, he trained his eye during extensive travels around the world, eventually working in press and fashion photography. Since 2015, he has been developing a personal series focused on city life—capturing urban scenes in both black and white, and predominantly in color. His work has been exhibited in France and internationally, including at the Night of Photography in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, in February 2018.

Chervine titled this series Solitudes. Using light to isolate his subjects, he explores both the loneliness and the quiet connectedness of city life. With an empathetic gaze, he captures passersby in the small theater of everyday moments: a woman basking in the sun, a couple chatting over coffee, a mother and daughter crossing the street.

Through his search for chiaroscuro, Chervine dramatizes these seemingly ordinary instances, drawing viewers into a cinematic world. He invites us to imagine the lives of these anonymous figures—both distant and familiar—reminding us of the subtle, often unnoticed beauty that unfolds around us every day.

Solo exhibitions

2021

On That Day, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Genève, Suisse

2019

Hôtel & Spa La Belle Juliette, avec la Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

2018

Urbain intime, Salon Privé de l'Alcazar, Paris, France

2017

Urbain intime, Galerie Basia Embiricos, Paris, France

2016

Instant T, Galerie Anne et Just Jaeckin, Paris, France

Group exhibitions

2025

Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, and Galerie Signatures, Maison de Photographes, "One Story, One Image" Collective Show, March-April 2025, Paris

2024

The Photography Show presented by AIPAD, New York City Portogruaro, Italy (June-October) — exhibition in a medieval town near Venice

2023

Affordable Art Fair, New York City (September, March)

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2022

Photo Basel

2021

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France Menart Fair, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France Photo London, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, London, United-Kingdom

2019

Paris Photo, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France Photo London, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, London, United-Kingdom Aqua Art Miami, Miami Art Basel, Miami, United-States

2018

Future, Present, Galeria 220, Miami, United-States Nuit de la Photo, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland

2017

Santa Fe Photo festival, Santa Fe, United-States

2016

Café de Flore, Galerie Anne et Just Jaeckin, Paris, France

Publications

2021

Marie Claire Italy: September 2021

2019

Liberation: March 2019 The Eye of Photography

2017

*Urbain intim*e, catalogue de l'exposition, novembre 2017 ELSE Magazine, Musée de l'Elysée Publication, Lausanne, Switzerland, Issue #13 (ELSE Magazine Issue #13)

2015

Faces photobook project, selected for Paris Photo's BookMachine (Faces Photobook on Vimeo)

Awards

2024

refocus: World Photo Annual, People's Vote Award, Honorable Mention