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COVER: Press Box, 2014

This collection is composed of a series of 3 medium and large format C-Prints on FujiFilm Pro Deep Mat paper.



There are few instances when photography captures an artistic quality that goes beyond the two-dimensional story line that is when the gaze and sensibility of the artist behind the lens goes beyond the mechanical quality of the object offered by the tool at hand. The work of Flor Mayoral, whose images capture that sense of timelessness and quality that sometimes is introduced in a painting through the style, brushwork, and medium used by the artist; thus defining a subject matter and in turn bring the viewer to a personal engagement with those images.

"Concrete Footprints", started as a project to support a symposium at TUB Gallery under the heading of Art and Public Spaces by The Friends of the Miami Marine Stadium. This documentation of the existing stadium has developed into an exhibit of the artist's work, which consists of a memory lane analyzed by the building structure, the graffiti, and objects that are ghosts within an abandoned landmark. Capturing this through her focal point, Flor has managed to give us the essentials, an exquisitely detailed quality of work, the unfulfilled void, the power of nature over man, the backdrop of the hard concrete material against the softness of light, and a three dimensional observation of the forgotten area of this structure which can be viewed as a ruin in a modern city.



Built in 1963, Miami Marine Stadium hosted many remarkable events during its 28-year history: boat races, concerts (Jimmy Buffett, The Miami Philharmonic, many rock and jazz events, Sunrise Easter Services and much more). The stadium closed after Hurricane Andrew and has remained shuttered ever since. In 2008, a new group called Friends of Marine Stadium was formed with the goal of bringing the stadium back to life. The group has steadily built momentum since then and the campaign to restore the Marine Stadium has now generated international awareness.

Friends of Miami Marine Stadium is now partnering with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to restore the Stadium as a multi-purpose venue. In July, 2013, the Commission approved the Site Plan. FMMS is now in the "quiet phase" of fundraising for the Stadium.



Friends of Miami Marine Stadium

Donald Worth Co-Founder FOMMS www.marinestadium.org

The original architect of the stadium, Hilario Candela, Jorge Hernandez and Don Worth are the founders of FOMMS 'Marine Stadium Miami. The Magic City'

Miami Marine Stadium is a ruin that is inhabited by an intense activity from street artists that have made of this site an immense graffiti. Curiously, by using this structure as an improvised stage for the outlet of their artistic expression, new generations have been able to remain in contact with this architectural jewel, and have made us cognizant of the issues with art in public spaces.

Flor Mayoral's images are the suggestive prototype of an aesthetic journey into such space. The unfolding of each of her images takes us to yet another dimension of this structure. From black and white photographs that highlight the architectural features of the stadium and its majestic structure, to panoramic views of Miami and colorful and ephemeral murals by graffiti artists.

From the beginning of this journey, not conditioned by the anxiety of having to reach a destination, and not constrained by the obligation to see anything in particular, the pure sensorial experience of enjoying each image becomes an end in itself. She helps us to reflect how this unique waterfront space as an intrinsic part of art in the public space is truly a living structure waiting to return to its majestic past.

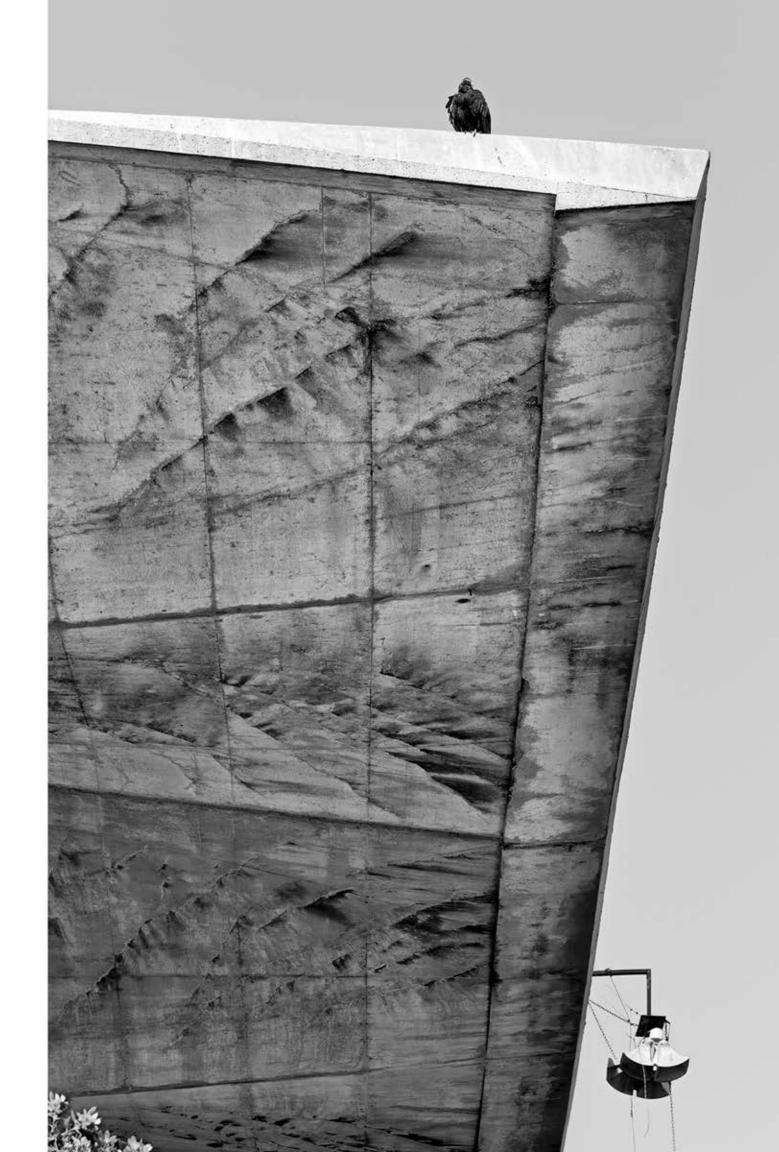
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One Man's Legacy, 2014



Resident Avian, 2014



The Sentinel, 2014



Jonathan Livingston, 2014



Concrete Footprints, 2014



Key Rats 4 Life, 2014



Concrete and Clouds, 2014



Concrete Garden, 2014



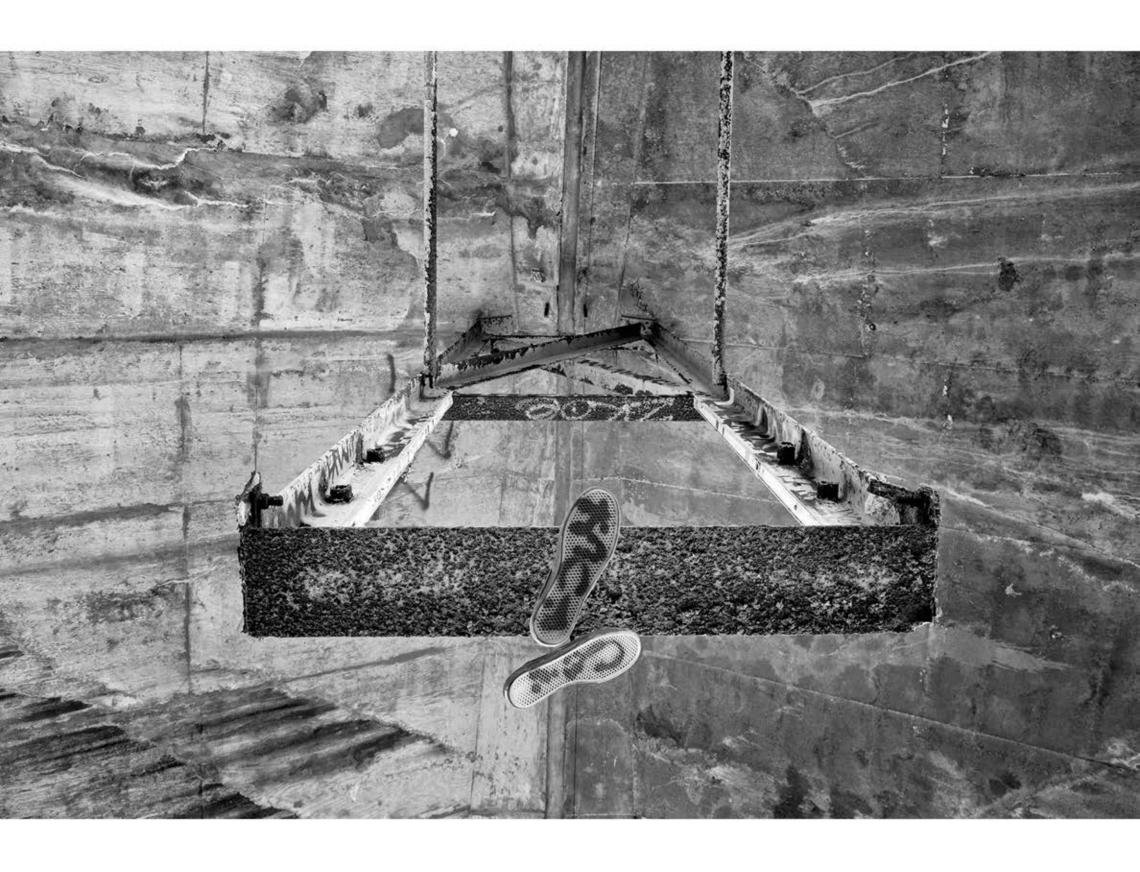
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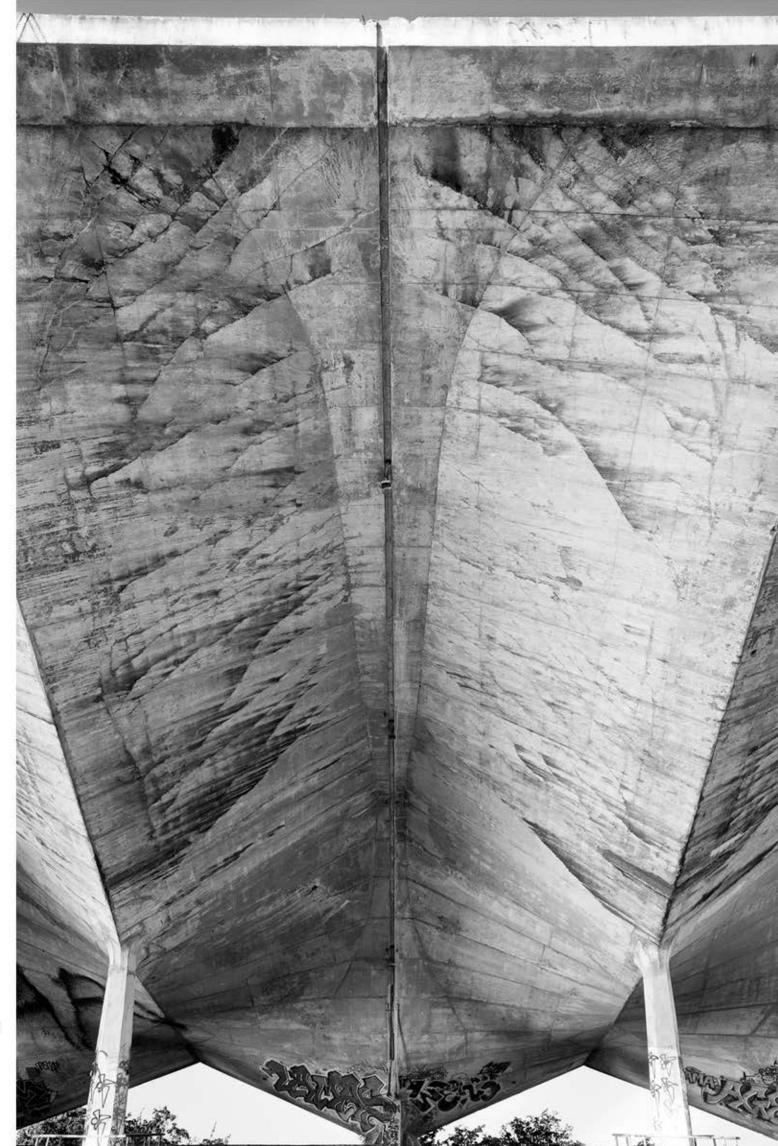
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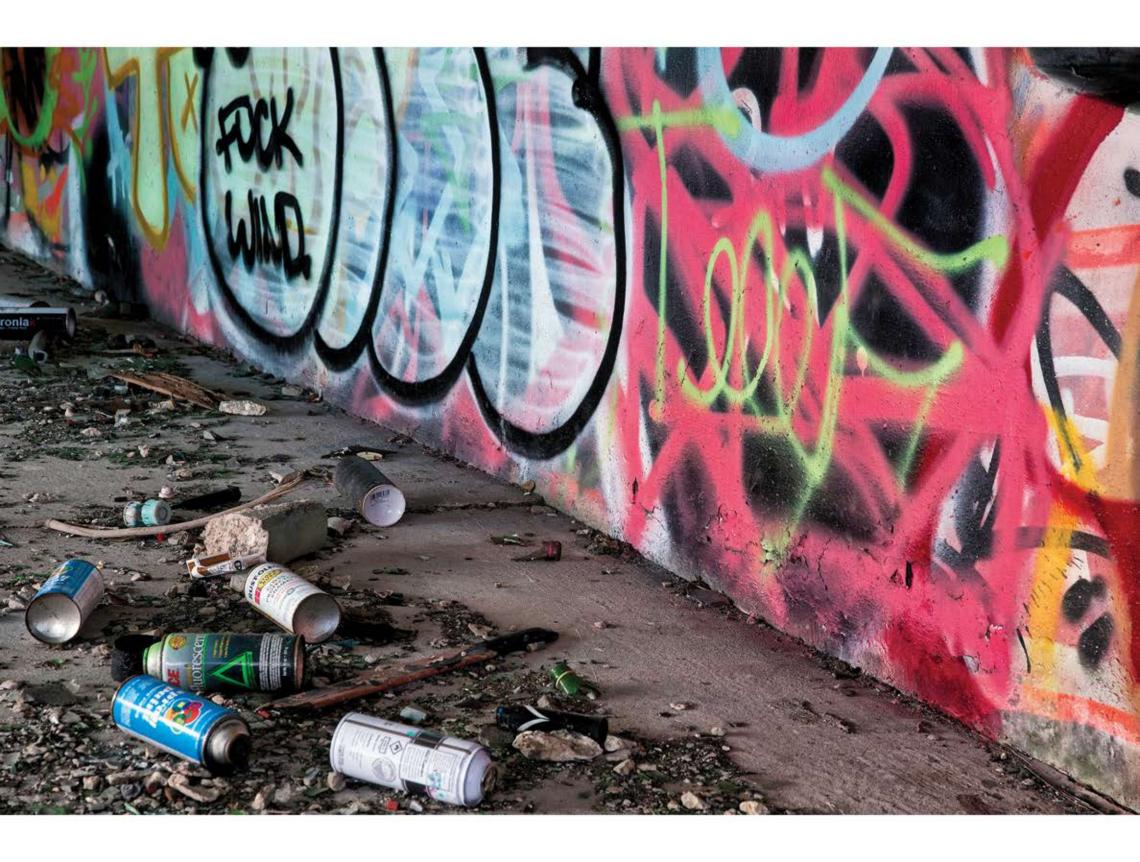
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Flag and Stadium, 2014



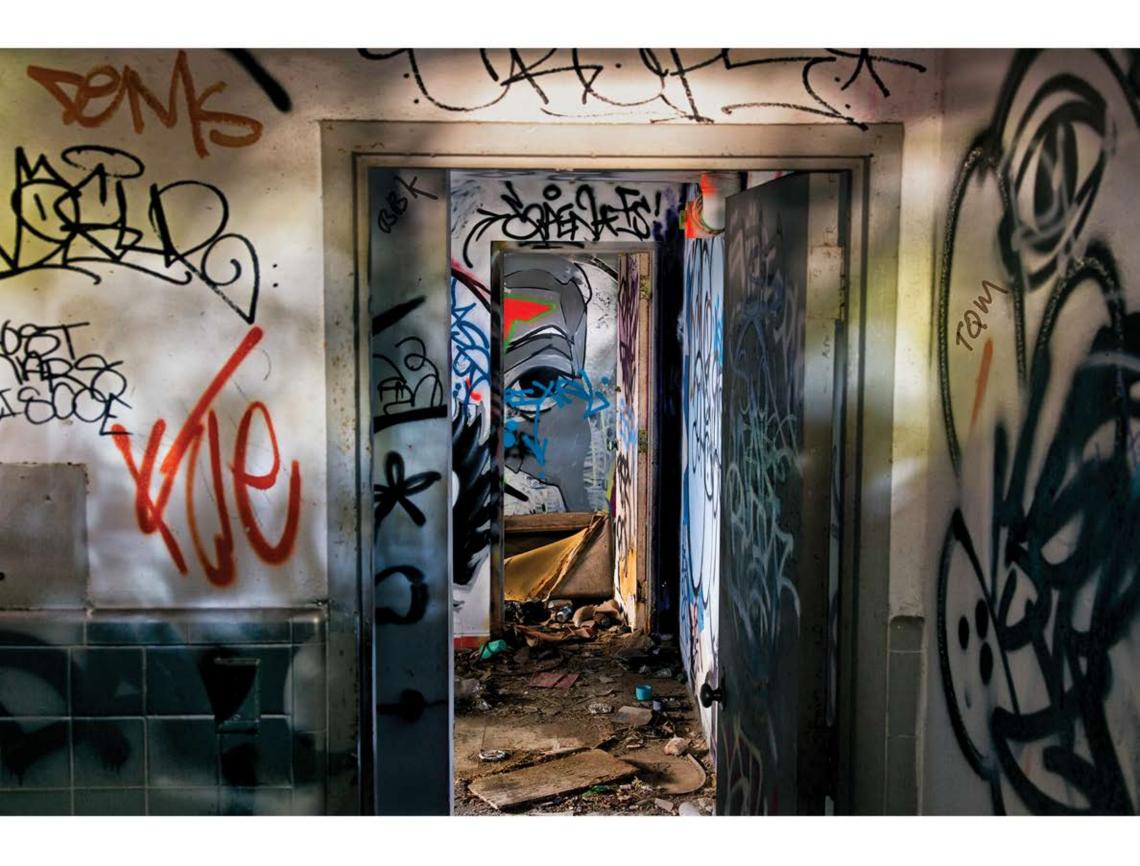
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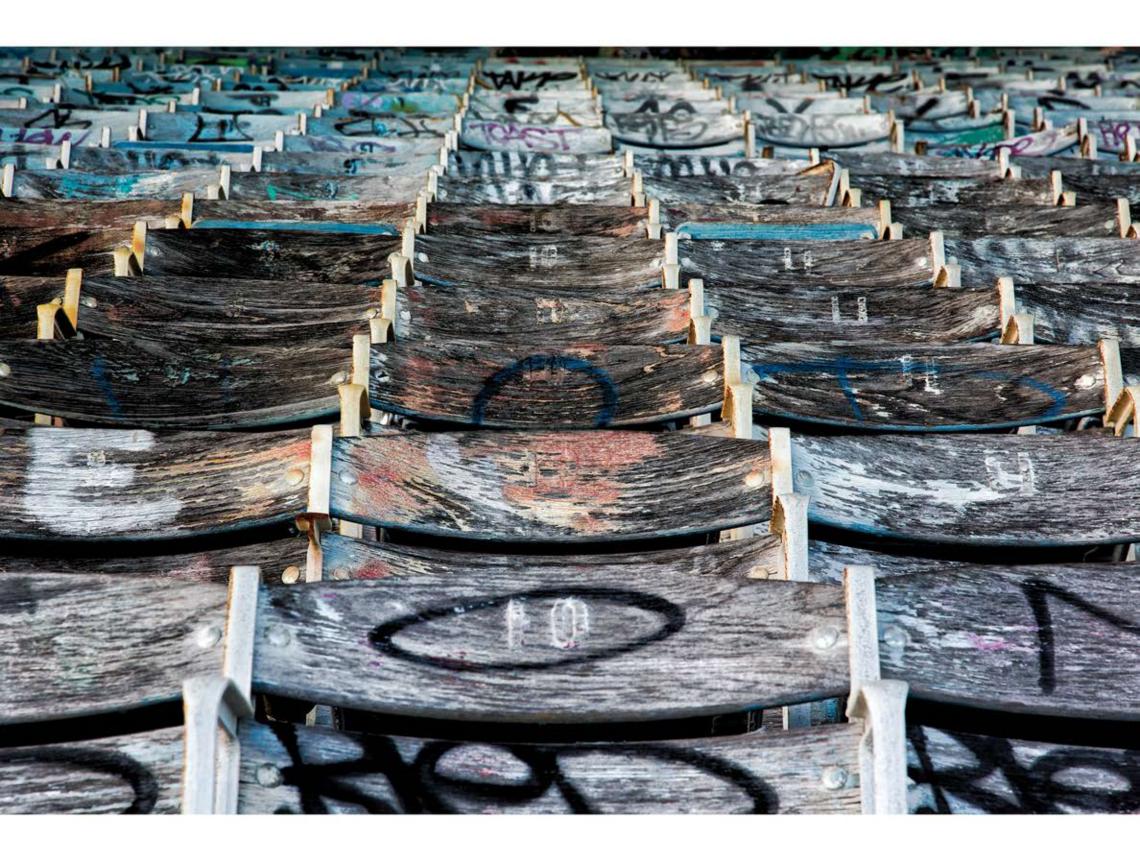
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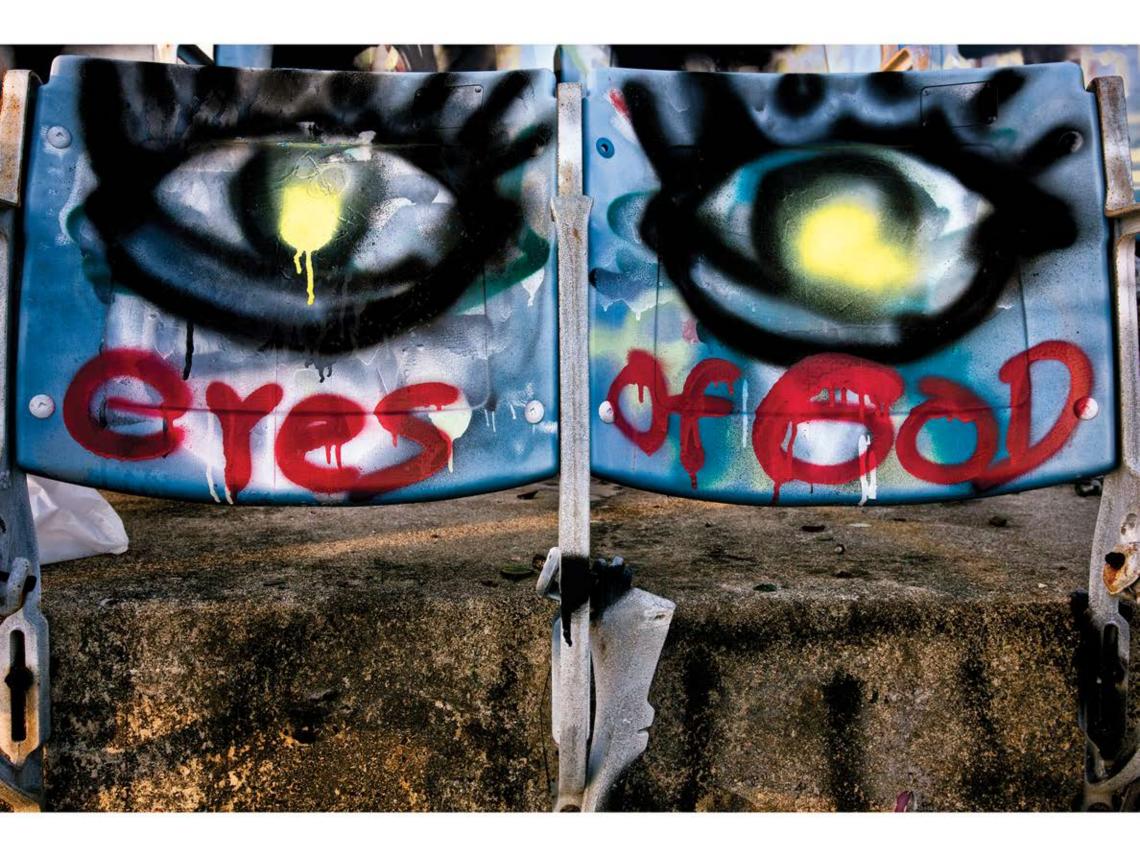
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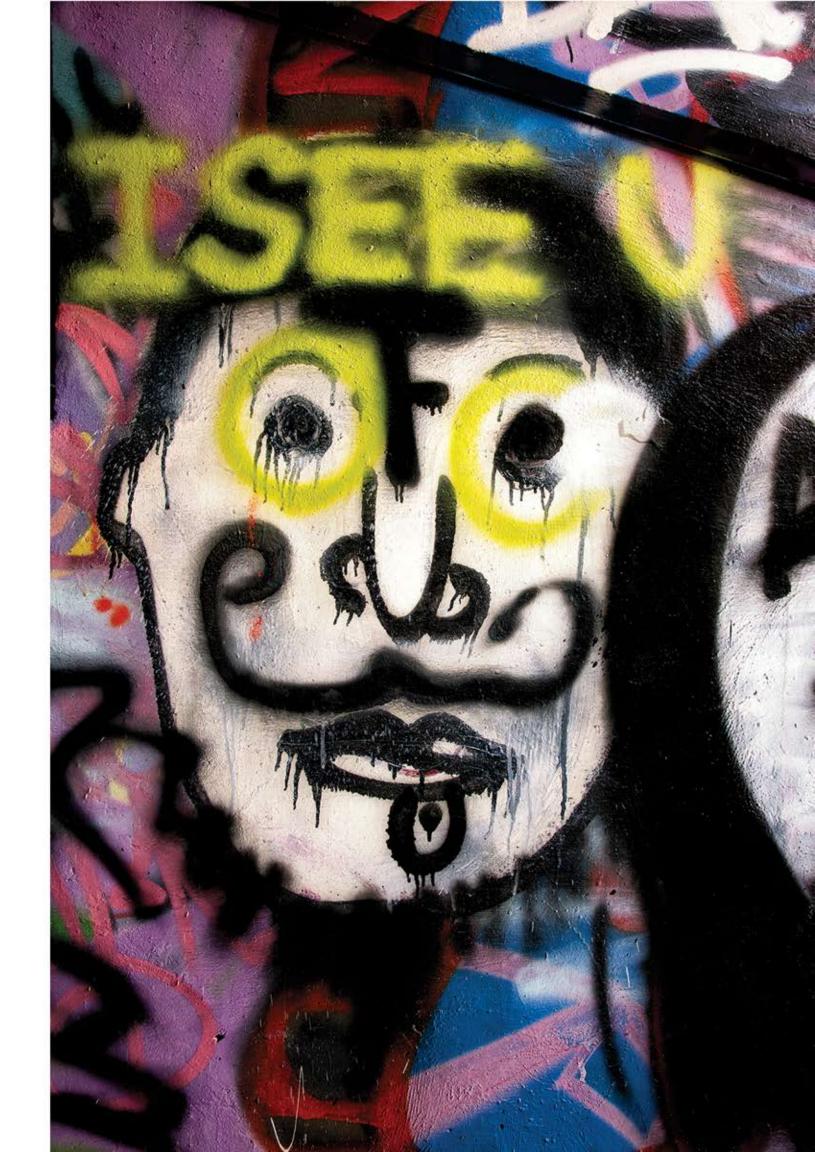
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Pensive, 2014



Eyes of God, 2014





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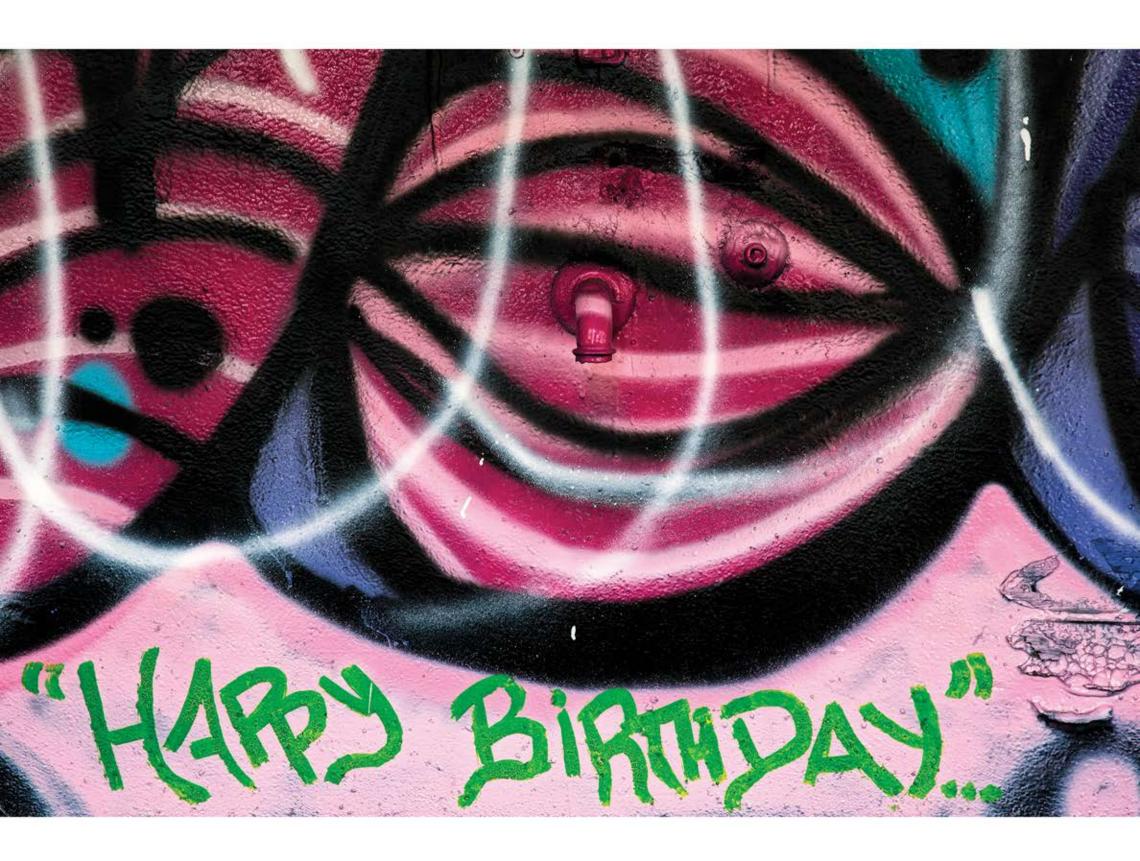


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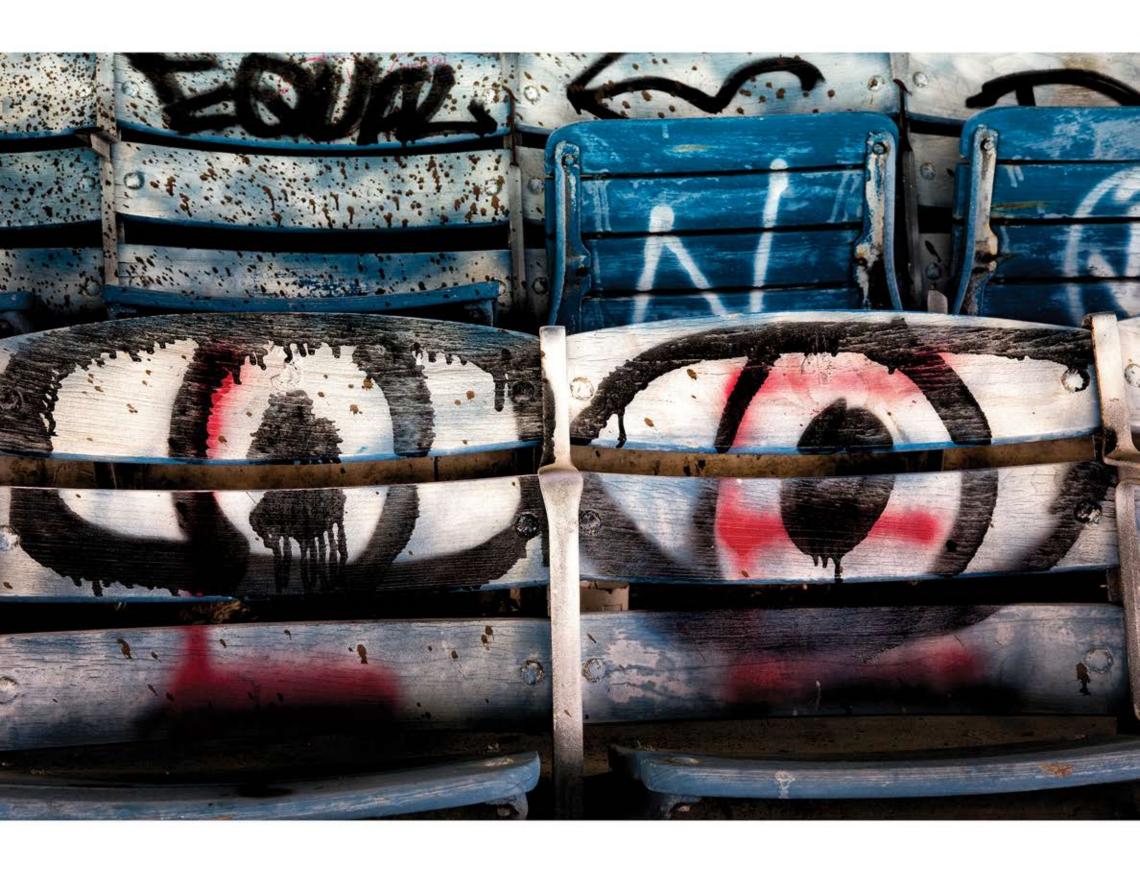




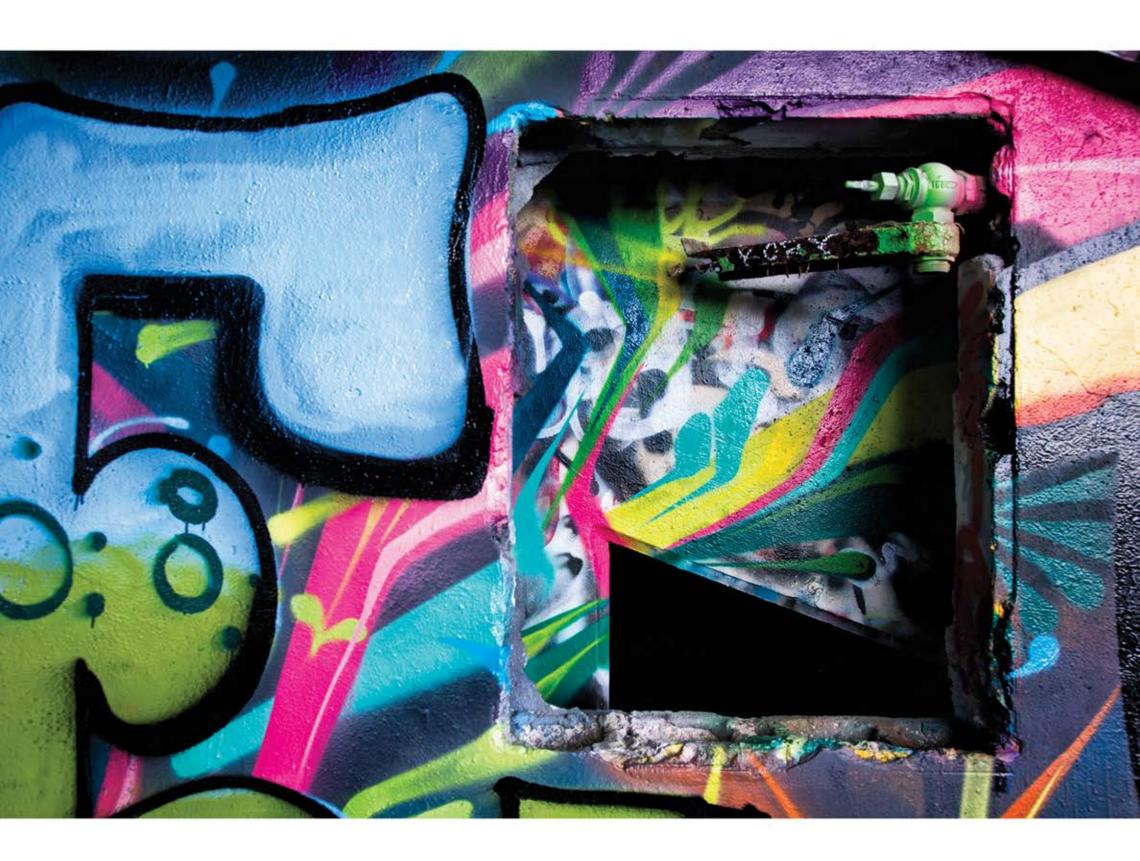
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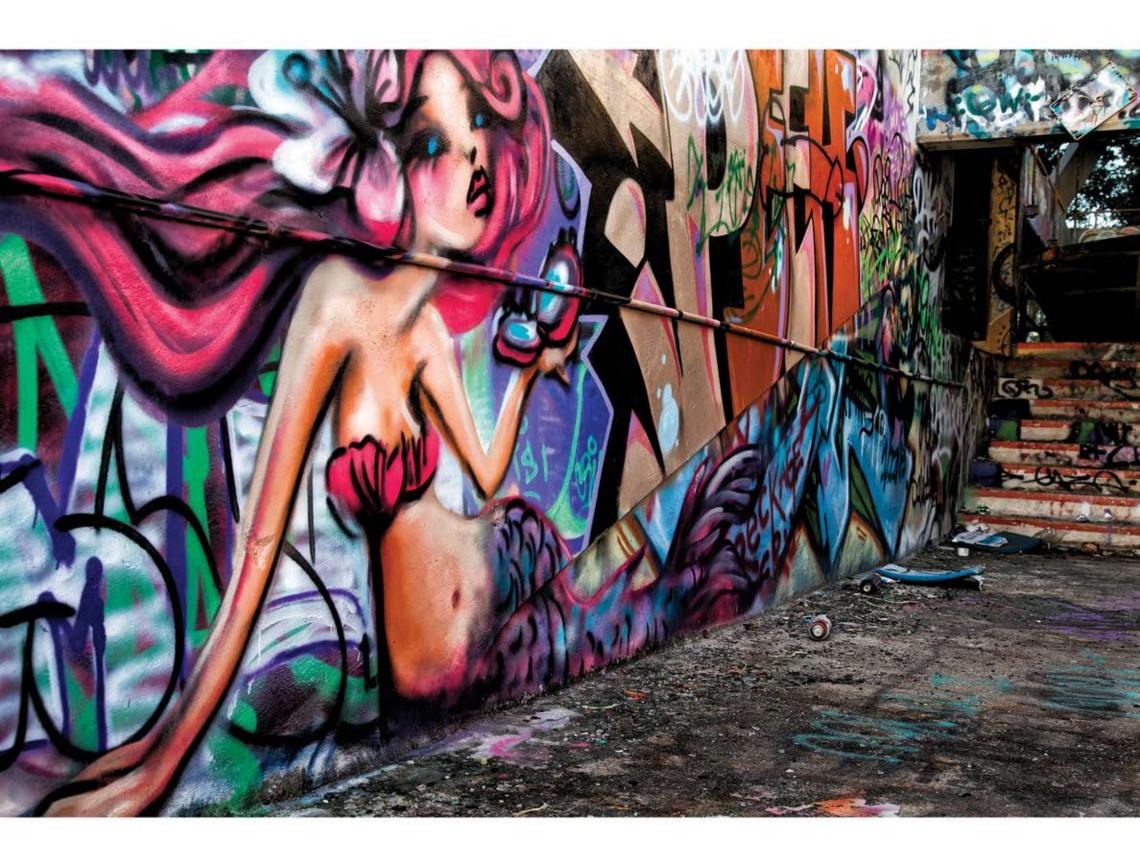
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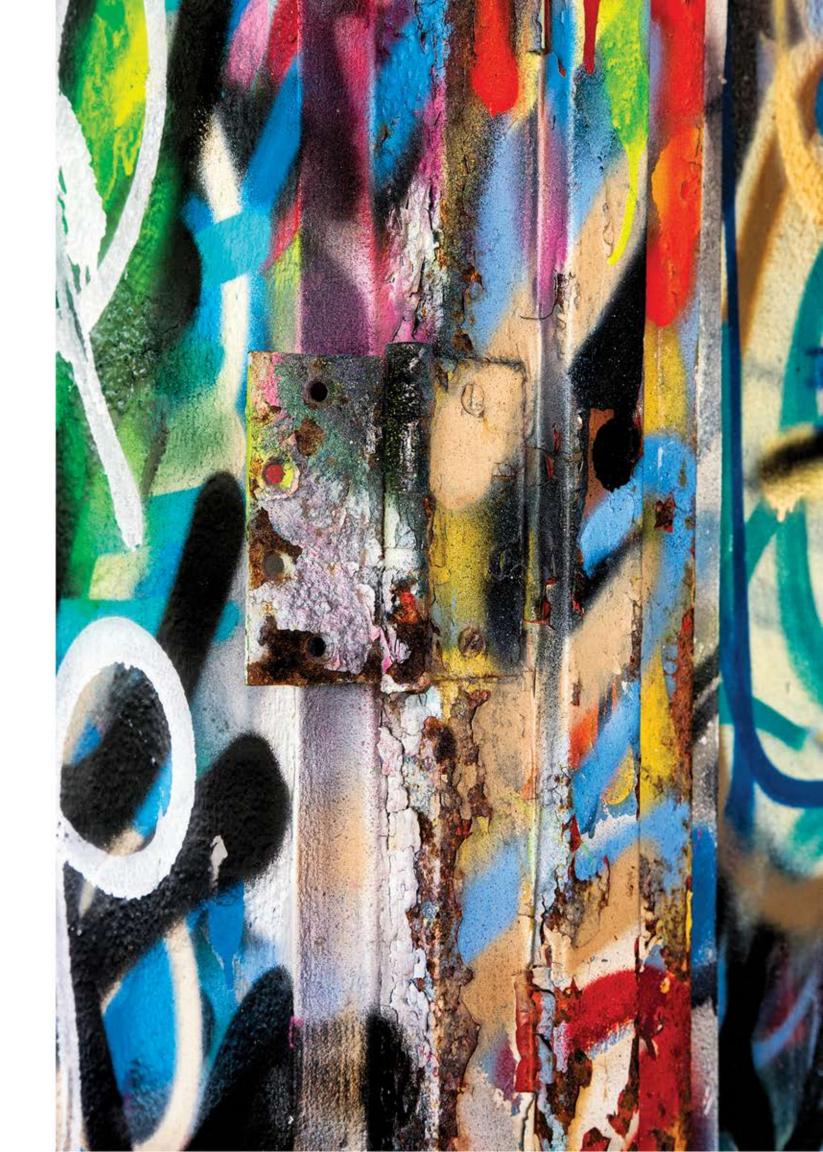
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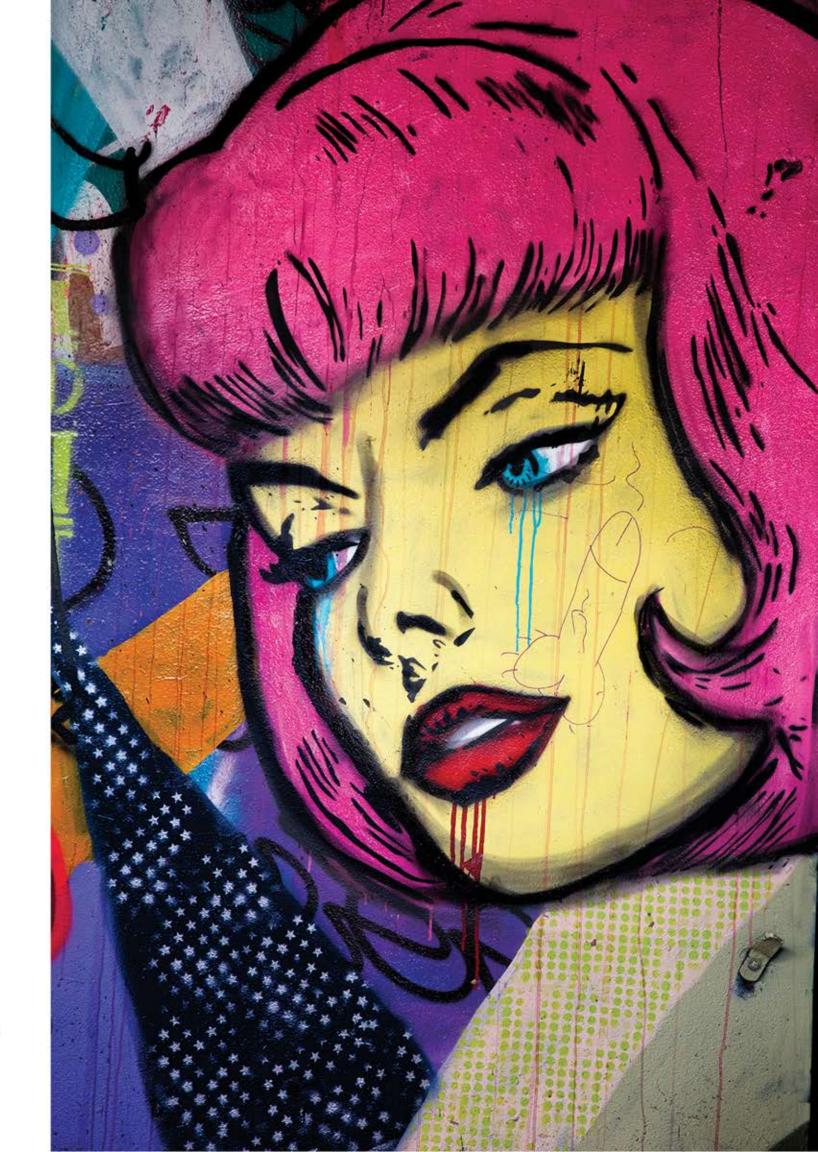
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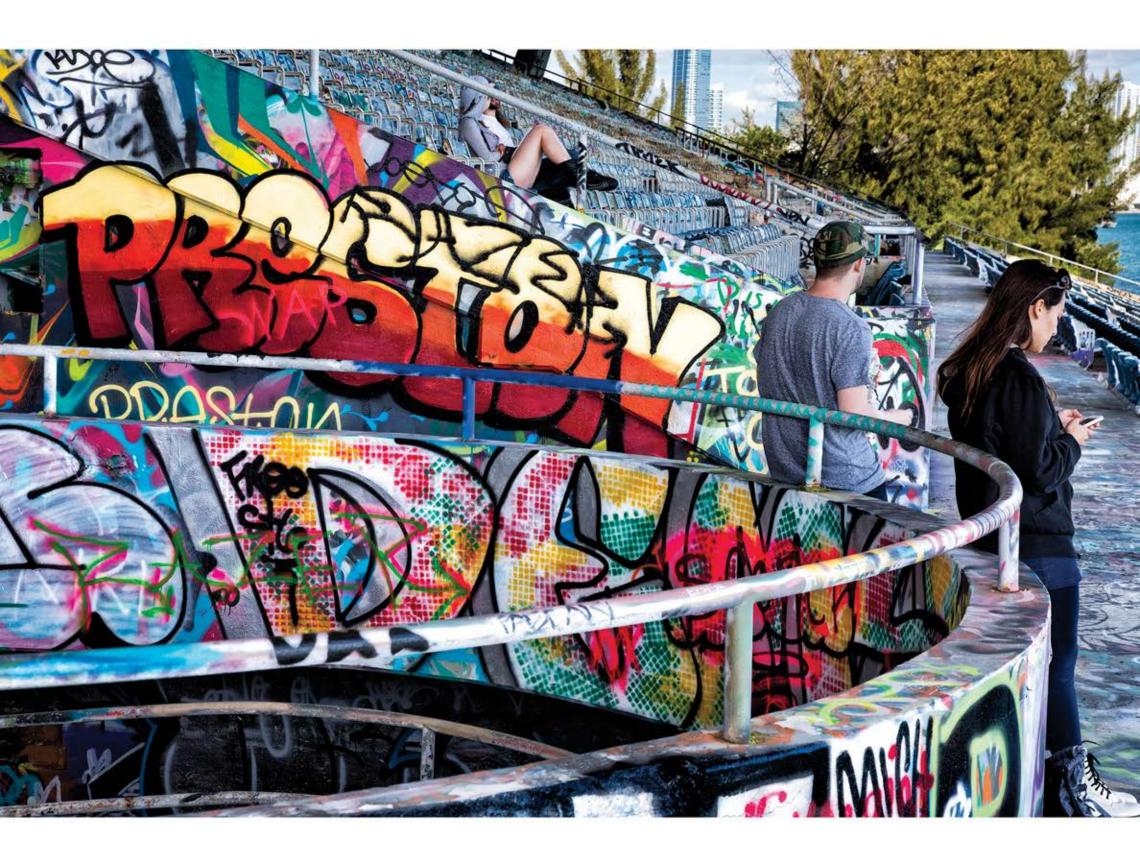
Hinge, 2014



Miami Beach, 2014



Pretty in Pink, 2014



Stadium Fans, 2014

FLOR MAYORAL (Havana, 1955). Resides and works in Miami.

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Her first photographs from the late seventies and beginning of the eighties address the private space from the aesthetics of the family photo album. These are scenes that capture the intimacy and the habits of domestic life, narrated with images encrypted in autobiography. In the nineties, she develops a special interest in natural themes and landscape photos in general. This interest coincides with a greater control, on the part of the author, of the techniques and tools of scientific digital photography applied to plant photography and other natural or artificial elements. These pictures of great close-ups of natural elements are influenced by the work of authors of modernity such as Imogen Cunninghan. This is when she begins her exploration of the expressive possibilities of the image. Towards the end of the nineties and the beginning of 2000, the theme of the city, its architecture and its urbanism as a stage for the contradictory relationship between individuality and overcrowding, begins to take a leading role in her work, where the influence of Jeff Wall can be appreciated. These are works that "look", in a sort of voyeuristic style, at the gestures and attitudes either of individuals or of a group; they speak to us of life in the cities of our time.

Already in the XXI century, Flor Mayoral performs a deep immersion in contemporary portraiture photography, making this genre the poetical support of her photographic project. She investigates the mechanisms of the expressionist language of the portrait in works like those of Thomas Struff, taking it to its ultimate expressive aesthetic consequences.

Her portraits in extreme close-ups 'document', from a forensic visual perspective, the most absolute expressiveness of the face, its most absolute reality enriching our psychological perception of the picture. Her photographic project, Before (Now) After, can be viewed as her most personal work; one with an instinctive mastery of the symbolic capital of contemporary photography. It also constitutes a risky and audacious conceptual proposal on the updating on the genre of the portrait in postmodernity.



SOLO (Selection)

- · 2014 'Concrete Footprints'. TUB Gallery, Wynwood, FL
- 2013 'Pisa-Coral Gables | Imagined Cities'. Coral Gables Museum. Miami, FL
- 2011 'Peace Love World Does Art Basel'. Coral Gables, FL
- · 2010 'Bird Road Art District Walk'. Aperture Studios. Miami, FL
- 2009 'Wildlife Exhibition'. Miami Center benefiting Metro Zoo. Miami FL

COLLECTIVE (Selection)

- 2013 G&S Alternative Space. Hollywood, FL
- 2013 'Contemporary Photography'. Jorge Sori Fine Art. Coral Gables, FL.
- 2011 'In Focus 15th Annual Juried Exhibition'. Palm Beach Photographic Centre.
 West Palm Beach, FL
- . 2009 'Art Box'. Voices for Children Foundation. Miami FL.
- · 2007 'Tropical Colors'. Three Art Studio. Key Largo, FL
- · 2006 'Encounter with Nature'. Luzma Gallery. Miami, FL

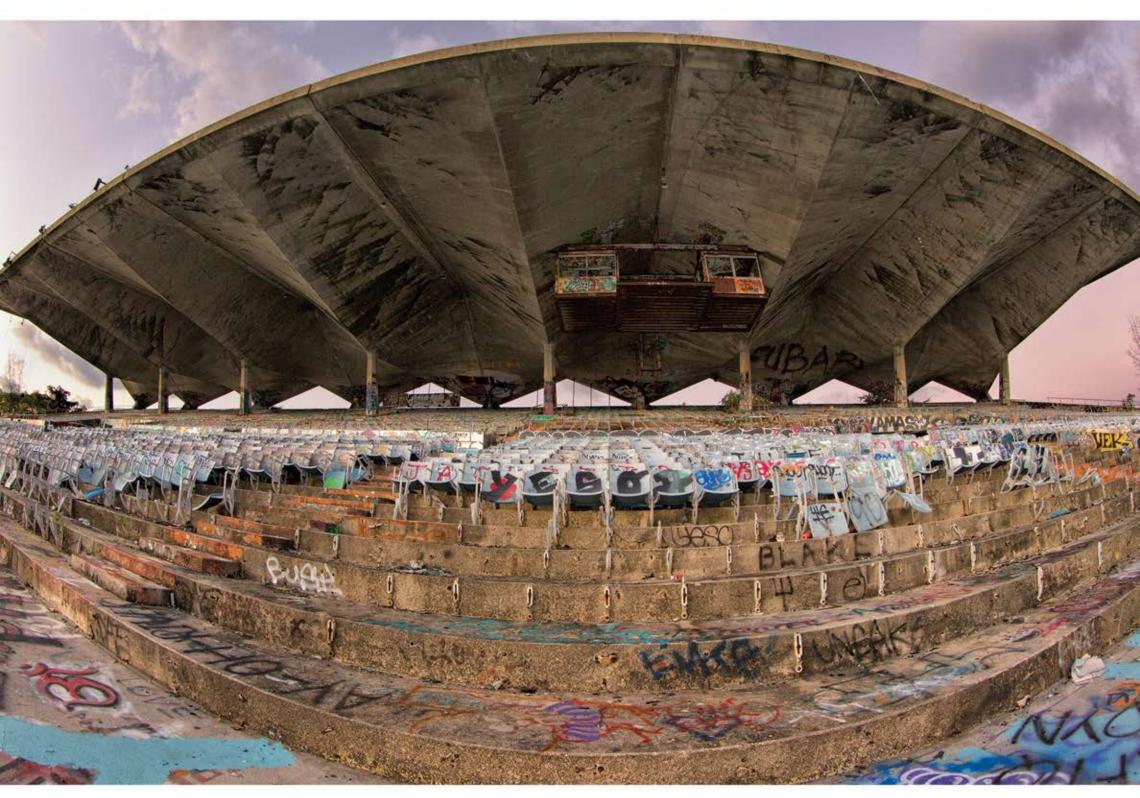
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