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"Life Matters"

Photographic exhibition by Karyn Leong

Karyn Leong, Nurse and Photographic Artist: uses her skills to document and celebrate Life and Humanity.

Her is premise that we should value and care for each other as every "LIFE MATTERS"

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Family Prayer

A2 Photographic print, NFS



Looking at Love

A2 Photographic print, NFS



Introspection

A2 Photographic print, NFS



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Love Knows

A2 Photographic print, NFS

Nurture Life

Photographic print, NFS



Photographic print, NFS

Solomon Culture Dance

Photographic print, NFS









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Care for Husband

Photographic print, NFS



Photographic print, NFS



Photographic print, NFS

Embrace the Moment

Photographic print, NFS











KARYN LEONG

ARTIST STATEMENT

Given a camera for my tenth birthday, being a shy child, it gave me a way to engage with people and opened my world! I went on to become a Nurse and specialised in Critical Care Nursing.

Camera in hand when I could, documenting Babies, Weddings, Parties, Life.

Marriage into a new culture which led to frequent travel Overseas in Malaysia, my world really opened up.

For many years I would wander and capture street life, asking my subjects permission, printing the images and giving the photograph to the subject when I could.

A 3 Month Art Residency in Penang through Rimbun Dahan allowed me to really immerse in society and I continued to photograph life, becoming well known for what I was doing paying kindness forward and giving the photographs to the subjects.

Given advice by a famous artist she told me: # If you have an idea don't be afraid to ask: do it and run with it:

"Still Beautiful" a Series of exhibitions locally and internationally Honoring Women over 50... giving them a voice.

Became a member of the "Joyce Evans Circle" Melbourne and have been involved in many exhibitions at Magnet Gallery Docklands.

#To do what I know:

Documenting Real Life: Volunteering for Singapore Orphanage, Children's Cancer Unit Penang and Penang Hospice, with permissions from all involved.

Raising awareness, compassionately documenting Humanity, Frailty, Care given by staff, Home Carer and always Honoring Life.

ARTIST CV

2024:

FROM AUSTRALIA WITH LOVE
 OPEN STUDIOS PENANG: Solo Exhibition, Images of Australia and Penang highlighting
 differences and similarities in the two places and cultures: cultural activities, interactive art
 opportunities Hall 2 Jetty 35

2023

LOVE PENANG: Solo Exhibition Open Studios Penang, Hall 2 Jetty 35
 Photography for Penang Hospice Society

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Sensitive Images and stories from Patient's and their carer's (with their full consent) for exhibition at Annual General Meeting, to put a human face to the service that Hospice delivers to the community.

2022

- International Hospice Day Conference presentation of Poster of Images to Health Minister, Rembau, Kuala Lumpur
- Open Studios Penang: Group Artists Exhibition: Black Kettle Penang
- Retrospective Solo Exhibition at Jetty 35 Penang, Hall 2
- 3000 Words: Women Photographers Group Exhibition: Magnet Gallery Melbourne
- Still Beautiful Bellarine: Solo Exhibition promoting self-esteem in mature women of the Bellarine Peninsula

2021

- Curator Reclaim Exhibition. Group Exhibition. Documenting Women Artist's using Art in response to COVID-19. Melton Council.
- UNA Exhibition: Group show exploring themes of women and immigration. Magnet Gallery, Melbourne
- Website photography Kate Buttery Ceramics

2020

- Faces of Care: Solo exhibition Honouring Staff from Djerriwarrh Health Services for their response to COVID-19
- The Art of Empowerment. More than a woman. joint exhibition Lerderderg Library. Bacchus Marsh.
- Award Recipient: Women Making It Happen: Moorabool Shire
- What did we do in Shutdown? Permanent Installation: Lola's Cafe, Bacchus Marsh
- Equal Women Artists Exhibition: Djerriwarrh Health, Artist, Panel Speaker, spokesperson for the artists in the exhibition video.
- Memento Retrospective Women Photographers Exhibition: Magnet Gallery

2019

- Caring Matters Solo Exhibition, Penang, Malaysia. Feature piece in the Malay Mail.Permanent Installation The Adventist Hospital Penang
- Real Life of Penang, Mural. Permanent Art Installation, Viva Victoria, Penang
- Photography for Penang Kids with Cancer Unit, General Hospital Penang
- Still Beautiful Solo Exhibition: Magnet Gallery Melbourne
- Love Penang 6x8 Project, Open Studios Penang, Georgetown
- Love Penang Permanent installation China House Café, Penang
- Hospice Exhibition Penang Island Community, Hospice Society Fundraiser.

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- Samoan Women Field Workers Portraits, Bacchus Marsh
- You are all invited Joint Exhibition Penang Arts Community.
- Still Beautiful Book Published, Penang.
- Songs of Innocence Women Photographers Joint Exhibition, Magnet Gallery, Melbourne. Fundraising Portraits Relay for Life, Moorabool

2018

- Penang Hospice Association Exhibition: Eastern and Oriental Hotel.
- Portraiture for the World Breastfeeding Association: Penang