

# ANA CASAL

PHOTOGRAPHY

## SECRETS



**Secrets Series #01**

Fine Art Print Glicée. Cotton fibre rag  
paper 100%. 60x40 cm. Edition of 5

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## PROJECT STATEMENT

I left by boat from Tigre Port in Buenos Aires state toward Martin Garcia Island where I arrived after three hours. The strategic location of this island has created since immemorial times a dispute between Spain and Portugal regarding its possession. Such confrontation was felt in Argentina and Uruguay along the years. Nowadays the island belongs to Argentina. At the end of the XIX Century the island served as a lazaretto. Later on it became a prison for political prisoners where Hipolito Yrigoyen, Arturo Frondizi and Juan Domingo Peron were detained. As of 1950 the prison was used as a prison for common prisoners as well and it became more populated. Ruben Dario, a well known Nicaraguan poet, was one of the outstanding persons who visited and lived in the island . Since 1973 the island is considered a natural reserve for the conservation and preservation of the native wildlife.

When I arrived at the island for the first time, I was really moved by the bursting of nature among the ruins of the prison. These ruins remain as witnesses of the seclusion of politicians, common prisoners and deserters. I felt very touched by all those whispered stories that were drawn in those walls. When I left Martin Garcia Island I knew I was going to come back. While I was walking by the ruins of the prison, the cemetery, the Chinese neighborhood, the island was telling me all its history secrets. Some people told me about their lives living in that place. After a while, I knew that my father used to go the island to fish there and he really liked to stay there. Without knowing it, I followed the paths that he traced for me.



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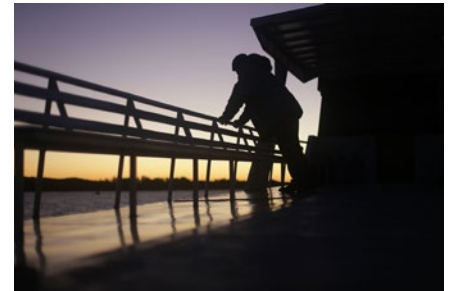
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# DOCUMENTATION



## ARTIST STATEMENT

I believe that something personal is always a good start. My photographs always carry something autobiographical, just a few drops of my own essence. I leave an echo of myself in the captivating details that arouse my interest. I feel the impulse of following my intuition as if the path had already been traced and I am discovering it. My series were produced in different cities but the place is not important in my work since it is rather about a personal cartography. I tend to illuminate the intimacy of existence. A surrounding darkness and the beauty that emerges from it is an invitation to discover what I emphasize and what I leave in silence. And just like this imagining the story. Among shadows, fiction and light, I find myself.

## BIO

Ana Casal was born in the south of the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was raised in a family where art and music were highly valued. She lives and works in Buenos Aires. From 1978 to 1980, she studied Art history in Madrid. Later on, she studied languages and literature. In 1998, the Cultural Service of the Embassy of France awarded her a scholarship in the University of Caen, in Normandy. She studied at EAF, Argentine School of Photography. She attended workshops and seminars in Buenos Aires, Paris, New York which contributed to improve her art. She participated in numerous collective and solo exhibitions: Photo Patagonia Festival (2015) in Santa Cruz, Argentina. Alicia D'Amico Gallery, One trip, different times (2016) Her photographs were selected in the contest

of Creativity Award in Belgrano University (2017) (2018) as well as in the Encounters of Photography in the Maison des Peintres, in Arles, France (2018). Encounters of Cinema and Photography, in Cerbère-Portbou (2018), with her series and projection Attentive walkers. As part of the Festival of Light, she participated with her work Fracciones at the Museum of Decorative Art, Cultural Center of Memory Haroldo Conti, Luniton Audiovisual Museum and Cultural Center San Martín, in Argentina. She published her book Fracciones which was presented in a solo exhibition in El mas aca Gallery, in Buenos Aires. (2019) Fracciones can be found in bookstores, libraries and galleries in many countries. Her photographs are part of private collections in Argentina, Brazil, the United States

and France. She is represented in Paris by Hegoa Gallery; in Buenos Aires by Arcimboldo Arte Contemporáneo and by Lala Contemporary both in Canada and in the United States of America.

## BIO

**Education and Training**

2020 – Working with a Gallery workshop.

Organized by Klompching Gallery and Foto

Relevance Gallery. Houston, Texas.

2020 – “How stories choose us” conference.

Presented by Magnum Agency. FotoFest

Houston.

2019 – Paris Photo Fair, attendee to fair and talks.

Paris France.

2019 – FotoFest Meeting Place Paris. Portfolio

Review attendee. Paris, France.

2019 – Fola Talks: Yumi Goto “Photobook as an

object”, Emily Dunne ICP Library “Japan and

photobooks, a history”.

2019 – Jula Creation Curation. Contemporary Art.

2019 – Encounters of Photography. Arles,

France. Portfolio review attendee.

2018 – Voies Off Photo Festival. Arles, France.

Portfolio Review. Selected by Photoeil Gallery.

Fabrezan, France.

2018 – “How we evaluate a photography” by

Sylvie Hugues in Hegoa Gallery. Paris, France.

2018 – Photographic essay workshop with

Valeria Bellusci. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2018 – “A sensitive story”. Workshop given by

Laurence Leblanc. Arles, France.

2017 – Photo edition Workshop with Abraham

Votroba. Buenos Aires Argentina.

2016 – Festival of Light. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2014-2016 – Specialization diploma from EAF

School of Photography. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2013 – Design and Edition in photography.

Motivarte. Buenos Aires.

2012 – Photographic Portrait Workshop. Borges

Cultural Centre. Buenos Aires

1998 – Literature and Languages. Caen

University, Normandy, France.

1978-1980 – Art History at Lazaro Galdeano

Museum and Museo del Prado. Madrid, Spain.

1977-1980 – English and French Literature

courses. Madridato fotográfico. Centro Cultural

Borges. Buenos Aires.

### Exhibitions

2020 – Lala Contemporary Gallery. My country the entire world. Group exhibition. Toronto, Canada.

2020 – Arcimboldo Contemporary Art. Portfolio National Prize. Luz Austral Foundation.

2019 – Presentation of the book Fractions and individual exhibition. El más acá club cultural Gallery. San Telmo, Buenos Aires.

2018 – Immersion Time. Maison des peintres. Arles, France. Group Exhibition.

2018 – Attentive Walkers. Photoeil Gallery Prize. Encounters of Photography and Cinema. Cerbère-Portbou, France.

2018 – Festival of Light “For Life” Projection of her work Fractions in Museo de Arte Decorativo, Cultural Center Haroldo Conti and Cultural Center San Martín. Buenos Aires Argentina.

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2018 – Talk and presentation of her works in Lumiton Audiovisual and Cinema Museum within the framework of the Festival of Light. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2018-2017 – Artistic Photography Creativity Prize and Mention. Universidad de Belgrano. Argentina.

2016 – Photo Patagonia Sombras. Santa Cruz, Argentina.

2016 – Alicia D’Amico Gallery. A trip in different times. Group Exhibition.

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- 2- To exhibit prints from these series.
- 3- To give a lecture, make a live video or public program in English, French or Spanish.
- 4- Commission: a special project for private or public places.