

# Carolina W. Rivera

## Artist Statement

*“The only thing that’s certain in life is death”*

In the grand tapestry of existence, the only certainty we cling to is the inevitability of death. We traverse a fleeting slice of time, occupying a space that is ever-shifting. Within our ephemeral bubble, we wrestle with our own trials and savor fleeting joys, as moments slip through our fingers like grains of sand. Each instant, a fragile glimmer, freezes in the vast continuum, offering a mere whisper of permanence before it dissolves into the abyss.

Photography, a paradoxical art, allows us to capture these transitory fragments, preserving them in a temporal stasis. It gifts us with the power to relive and re-experience the instants that have slipped away. Yet, this gift is double-edged: while it invites us to re-inhabit lost moments, it also evokes a profound sense of nostalgia and sorrow. Each photograph stands as a testament to what has vanished, a silent elegy to the life that once was, and now, is no more.

Why, then, do we engage in this act of capturing moments that only deepen our sense of loss and yearning?

For me, emotions are the language of the soul—an essential breath of life. To capture a moment is to give voice to an experience, to express and preserve a fragment of existence that might otherwise be lost. It is through this act of remembrance and reflection that my spirit finds its breath, reveling in the vibrancy of the present and finding solace in the echoes of the past.

To live fully, to cherish each fleeting moment, is to embrace both the laughter and the tears that time bestows. Photography becomes not just a means of remembrance, but a celebration of the profound beauty found in the impermanence of our journey.

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## **Bio**

Carolina Rivera is a photographer based in Hunterdon County, NJ, renowned for her documentary-style approach to capturing life's moments, weddings, and portraits. Originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Carolina moved to the United States at the age of six and settled in New Jersey by age twelve. Her artistic journey led her to study photography at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and the School of Visual Arts in NYC, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography.

Carolina resides in Califon, NJ, with her husband, two young daughters, and shiba inu. Her passion for photography was sparked by a childhood fascination with her grandparents' photo boxes, where she delighted in uncovering memories and piecing together stories of the past. This early intrigue, combined with a deep love for art and self-expression, has shaped her approach to photography.

While Carolina primarily focuses on wedding photography, she finds joy in capturing all of life's moments—whether they're grand milestones or simple everyday scenes. She views these moments as small, poignant snapshots of life, preserved within a frame. Her keen eye for detail allows her to capture the nuances of human interaction, relationships, and emotions, translating them into evocative and poetic imagery through composition and light.

Outside of her photography work, Carolina enjoys traveling with her family, staying active, and engaging in other creative pursuits. Her hobbies include playing the piano, cooking, exploring the city with a good book, and cozying up at home with her family and furry companions.

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