

Bio

Debe Arlook is a fine art photographer based in Santa Monica, California. Her projects are influenced by a dedicated meditation and spiritual practice. The work reflects her inward and outward gaze using natural and man-made landscape. Her BA in Film & Media, Minor in Psychology, American University, Washington D.C. and extended studies of reiki and life coaching inform her work.

She is a 2020 Critical Mass 200 Finalist and 2020 Photo LA Top 20 Finalist. National and international exhibitions of Arlook's work include Griffin Museum of Photography, MA, Museum of Art & History, CA, California State University, San Diego Art Institute, CA, and Fahle Galerii, Estonia. She's been published in L'Oeil de la Photographie, Rangefinder, Shots Magazine, What Will You Remember and others. Debe is a Pasadena Photography Arts advisor, curator and host for FORUM and Open Show events. She writes for the Photobook Journal.

curriculum vitae

selected group exhibits

- 2022 – *Perceive Me*, Commissioned Work, College of the Sequoias, Visalia, CA
- 2021 – *Perceive Me*, Commissioned Work, Museum of Art & History, Lancaster, CA
- 2020 – *California Love*, Invitational, The Hive Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 – *FOCUS photo l.a.*, juried exhibit, PHOTOLA, Barker Hanger, Santa Monica, CA
- 2020 – *Perceive Me*, Commissioned Work, California State University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 – *Edge to Edge*, Juried by Juri Koll, Fahle Galerii, Tallin, Estonia
- 2019 – *OFF THE CLOCK*, Juried by W.M. Hunt, American Photographic Association, Santa Monica
- CA 2019 – *Common Threads*, Juried by Richard S. Chow, Art-Share, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 – *The Beyond Gala*, Juried by Juri Koll, Beyond Baroque, Venice, CA
- 2018 – *Out In The Street*, Juried by Juri Koll, Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 – *LACP Members Exhibition*, Juried by Catherine Coutier Gallery, Houston TX, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 – *One Louder*, Curated by Dulce Stein, Neutra Art Institute, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 – *Nine @ Lamperouge*, Lamperouge Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 – *Beauty/Beautiful Issue #87*, Juried F-Stop Magazine fstopmagazine/issue87
- 2017 – *California Rising*, Juried by Chris Davies, Fabrik Projects Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 – *Abstraction*, Juried by Blue Mitchel, Darkroom Gallery, Essex Junction, VT darkroomgallery
- 2017 – *Limited Engagement*, The Loft @ tag, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 – *VS*, 825 Gallery, Juried by Nancy Kaye, West Hollywood, CA
- 2017 – *The Thunder of Meaning*, Juried by Wendy Posner, 825 Gallery, West Hollywood, CA
- 2017 – *Out There*, 825 Gallery, Juried, West Hollywood, CA
- 2016,17 – *Los Angeles: Detailed*, Annenberg Community Beach House, Juried, Santa Monica, CA
- 2016,17 – *Southern California/Baja Biennial* Invitational, San Diego Art Institute, CA

awards

2020 – Critical Mass Top 200 Finalist
2020 – Focus Top 20, Photo.L.A.
2018 – Julia Margaret Cameron Award, Finalist, Fine Art
2018 – Julia Margaret Cameron Award, Finalist, Digital Manipulation + Collage
2014 – Pasadena Photographic Arts Council 1st Place, Shadow & Light

art fairs

2020 – StartUp Fair, Venice, CA
2019 – Art Palm Springs, Palm Springs, CA
2019 – StartUp Fair, Venice, CA
2018 – Pop Art Show, Santa Monica, CA
2015 – 2017 Photo Independent, Los Angeles, CA

books

2020 – California Love, Cali Editions
2019 – *Perceive Me*, Edition One Books
2019 – *OFF THE CLOCK*, American Photographic Association
2015 – *Emptiness Defined*, Self Published

publications

2021 – Lenscratch, The 2020 Favorite Photo Exhibition,
2020 – What Will You Remember, Remarkable Images from Critical Mass 2020!
2020 – *F-Stop Magazine*, Issue 101, Open Theme
2018 – *F-Stop Magazine*, Issue 89 Altered Image, June-July
2018 – *F-Stop Magazine*, Issue 87 Beauty/Beautiful, February-March
2017 – *Lenscratch Love Letters*
2015 – *L'Oeil de la Photographie*, May
2015 – *Lenscratch*, *Bathing Suits and Sunburns*
2014 – *Lenscratch*, *Self Portrait and Selfies*
2014 – *Lenscratch*, *Your Favorite Portrait*
2013 – *Lenscratch*, *Toy Camera Exhibit*
2013 – *Lenscratch*, *Night Exhibition*
2009 – *Rangefinder Magazine*, March
2008 – *22 Century Rock*, Summer
2003 – *Shots Magazine*, No. 82

magazine features

2021 – Artist of Possibility, *Loss of Grief and Transformation*
2018 – *Éclat International* pages 28,29
2017 – *Ain't Bad Magazine*

presentations/curator/teaching

2021 – Open Show Pasadena, Inspire+Elevate Part II, Curator/Host, ZOOM
2021 – FORUM Host, Guest: Michael Rababy ZOOM
2021 – Open Show Pasadena, Inspire+Elevate Part I, Curator/Host, ZOOM

presentations/curator/teaching cont.

2020 – Open Show San Diego, ZOOM/Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
2018-2020 – Los Angeles Center of Photography, Los Angeles, CA
2019 – Boys & Girls Club of America, Santa Monica, CA
2018 – Street Photography, A Legacy, Muzeumm, VICA, Los Angeles, CA
2018 – Open Show LA, Los Angeles Center of Photography, CA
2018 – Digital Photography for Teens, Los Angeles Center of Photography, CA
2018 – LitFest Panel Discussion, Girdner Gallery, Pasadena, CA
2018 – F8 Salon, Pasadena, CA
2017 – Spark Mentor, La Conte Middle School, Los Angeles, CA
2017 – Annenberg Community Beach House, Santa Monica, CA
2016 – Pasadena Photographers Arts, Pasadena, CA
2014 – Pasadena Photographers Arts, Pasadena, CA
2014 – Pasadena Photography Arts, Pasadena, CA
2014 – Open Show LA, Los Angeles, CA

education

2001 – Present, Los Angeles Center of Photography, Los Angeles, CA
Studied with Cig Harvey, Sam Abell, Phil Borges, Aline Smithson, Julia Dean, Susan Burnstine
1980 –1984 B.A. Film & Media, Minor Psychology, American University, Washington, D.C.

representation

Venice Institute of Contemporary Art, Venice, California
Posner Fine Art, Los Angeles

affiliations

American Photographic Arts, Los Angeles 2013-Present
American Society of Media Photographers 20123-Present
Boys & Girls Club of America, Educator 2018-2019
Creative Visions Foundations 2005-6
Center for Photographic Art 2020
Los Angeles Center for Photography, Substitute Teacher & Teaching Assistant 2018-Present,
Los Angeles Art Association 2015-2019
Los Angeles League of Photographers, President 2004-06
Open Show Pasadena - Advisor 2020
PhotoBook Journal - Resource Manager, Contributor 2019-Present
Photographic Artist Trib, Founder 2020
Pasadena Photography Arts - Board Member 2020
Society of Photographic Education 2016,2020
SPARK Mentor Program 2018