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## Indira Cesarine

Solo Exhibition and Genesis NFT Drop In Collaboration with MakersPlace Presented by The Untitled Space And The Canvas 3.0 Gallery





The Untitled Space is pleased to partner with MakersPlace for Indira Cesarine's "LUMIÈRE" solo exhibition and Genesis NFT drop. Curated by Jessica Marinaro, the exhibit opened at The Canvas 3.0 gallery in the Occulus at The World Trade Center in New York City on January 31, 2024, and continues at The Untitled Space from February 8-28, 2024. The exhibition unveils Cesarine's latest series of surreal photographic light paintings, sculptures, and "Lumière" Series wearable art fashion collection, along with the debut of her animated photographic NFTs, which are available on the MakersPlace platform. In addition to her "LUMIÈRE" series, which includes animated light paintings, photography on aluminum, and large-scale photographic prints, viewers have the opportunity to experience a selection of Cesarine's hand-welded steel and neon sculptures and celebrated video art films.

"LUMIÈRE" encapsulates Cesarine's contemporary female gaze on Surrealism, a theme the artist has been exploring through a variety of mediums over the past several decades. For her latest series of works, Cesarine juxtaposes the surreal techniques of light painting with graceful and empowering portraits of female dancers to evoke an ethereal universe of divine energy. Through digital animation, Cesarine's light paintings come to life, harmonizing with her chiaroscuro portraits that accentuate the power of the human spirit through the movements of dance.

Cesarine's nude silhouettes, body-painted with vines, leaves, and spirals, carry profound symbolism, which is also reflected in the light of her double exposures. Fantasy and illusion merge as the artist navigates the imagery of the subconscious mind, portraying the human form with emotive strength. In her photographic light paintings, Cesarine assumes a hidden yet crucial role in their composition, adding an intriguing layer to the visual narrative. In celebration of "LUMIÈRE", WHITE WAVE Dance Company performed at The Canvas 3.0 exhibition dressed in select pieces from Cesarine's "Lumière" wearable art fashion collection, launching February 2024 for The Untitled Boutique.

"I have been exploring themes of Surrealism in my work since my first forays into photography. "LUMIÈRE" continues my exploration of the surreal technique of light painting, pioneered by Man Ray in 1937, for my portraits with contemporary dancers emphasizing the power of the human spirit. This method involves using light as a brush, painting ethereal strokes onto canvases of darkness, thus capturing a play of luminosity that transcends the boundaries of traditional imagery. In the realm of "LUMIÈRE," surreal light painting becomes a mesmerizing dance between the tangible and the transcendent. Through this technique, I seek to illuminate and reveal the hidden energies that bind us to the universe."- Indira Cesarine



Indira Cesarine "LUMIÈRE" Solo Exhibition and Genesis NFT Drop Lumière Reception, The Canvas 3.0 Gallery

## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

"The series, developed over the last two years, features five muses from the worlds of ballet, modern dance, fashion modeling, and contortionism. The nude silhouettes of each model become canvases adorned with vines, leaves, and spirals, with each stroke creating a visual embodiment of Mother Nature and symbolizing divine femininity, life, and growth. The spiral as a symbol of life and the eternal is depicted on their figures as well as in the light refracted into the camera lens, creating a spellbinding glow radiating around their silhouettes.

The symbolism of the spiral has been a recurring theme in my artwork including my photography, neon and steel sculptures, and filmmaking. The spiral is an ancient symbol of evolution and one of the oldest pagan symbols in existence. The spiral vortex, as found in the double helix structure of DNA molecules, is known as nature's favored form for transmitting energy. It represents the cyclical nature of existence, life, growth, evolution, creativity, and change. With my light paintings, I embrace the symbol of the spiral to depict divine feminine energy, progression, concepts of infinity, the journey of life, and the path to higher consciousness. With its graceful curvature and hypnotic rhythm, it becomes a metaphor for the unknown forces that shape humanity, life, and existence – as well as the surreal nature of the unknown.

Beyond the digital realm, my "Lumière" wearable art fashion collection, sustainably manufactured in the UK, echoes the symbolism of my artwork. Kaleidoscopic and abstract renderings of my light paintings on photo-printed fabric bring my art to life. The "LUMIÈRE" collection is a culmination of my exploration of the contemporary female gaze on Surrealism. "Lumière" is not just an exploration of visual aesthetics but an introspective journey into the symbolic significance of light. It delves into the implications of illumination as a metaphor for enlightenment, hope, and the constant pursuit of understanding. In "LUMIÈRE," I beckon you to immerse yourself in a world where light, movement, and symbolism converge, inviting you to perceive the profound mystery and beauty inherent in the dance of life." - Indira Cesarine



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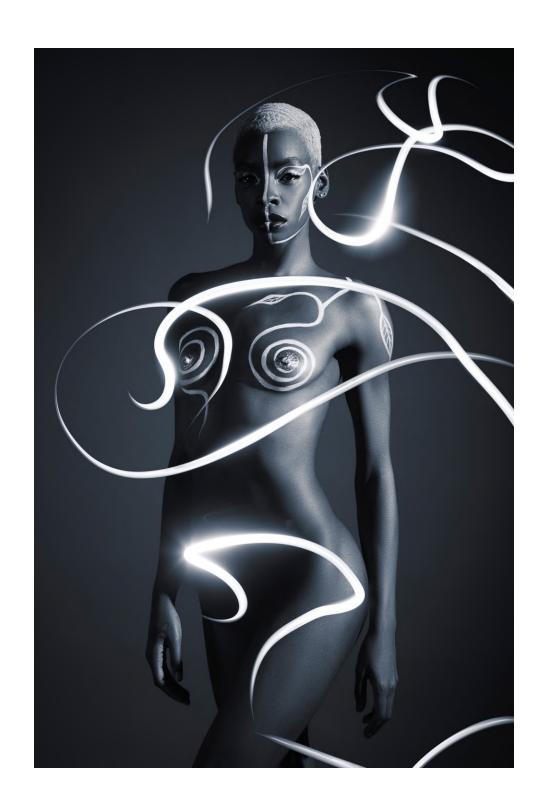
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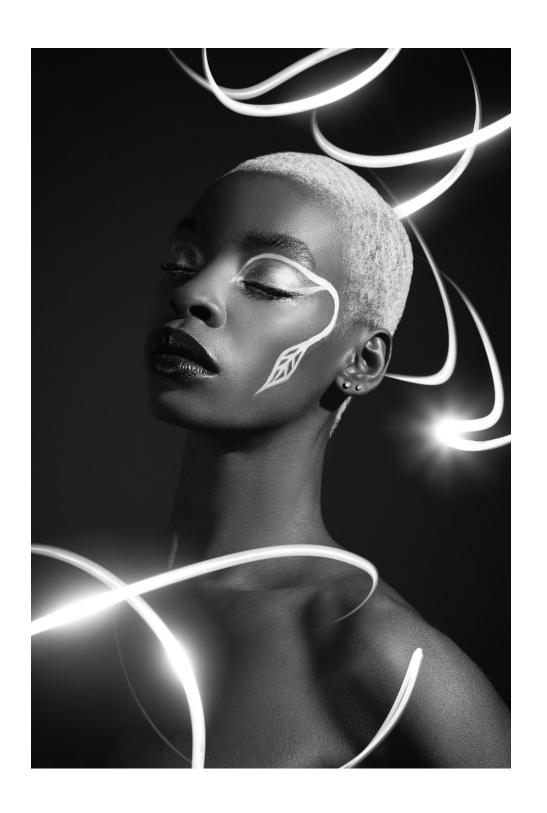
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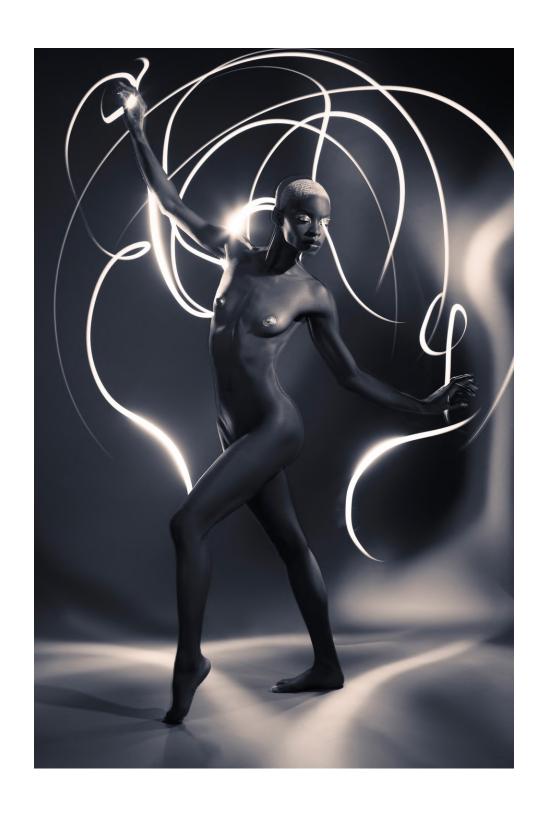
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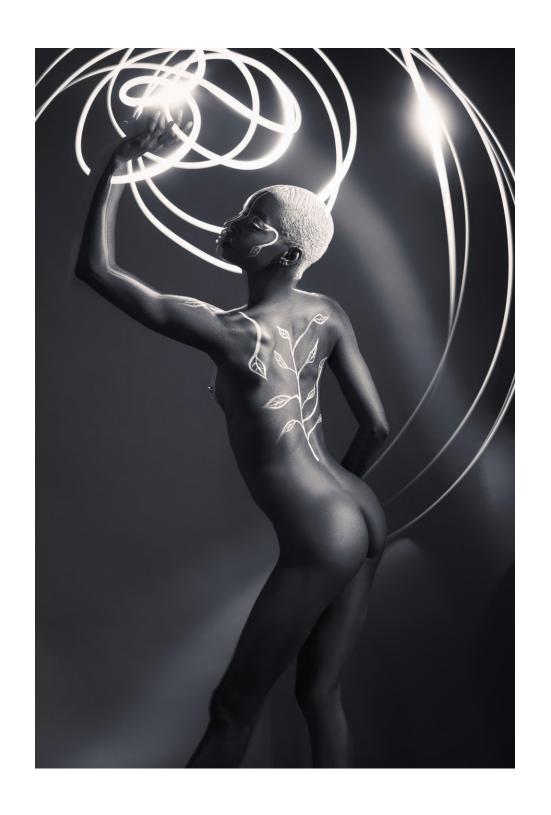
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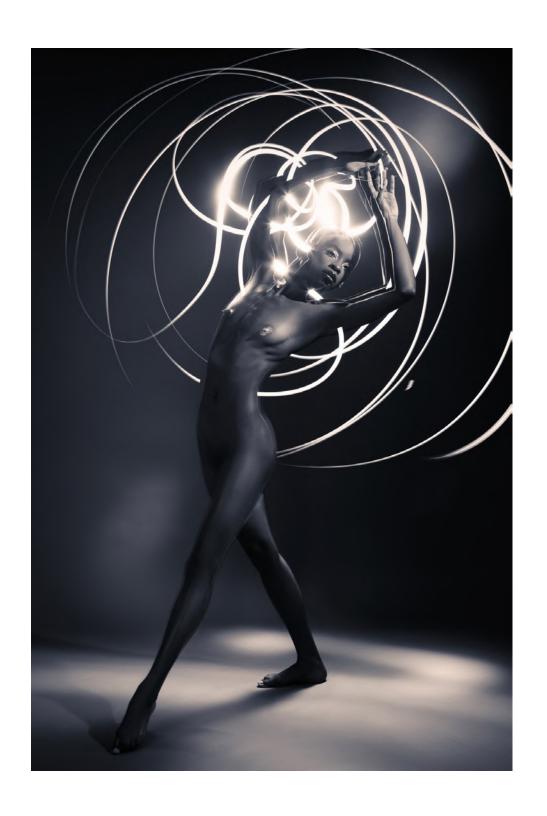
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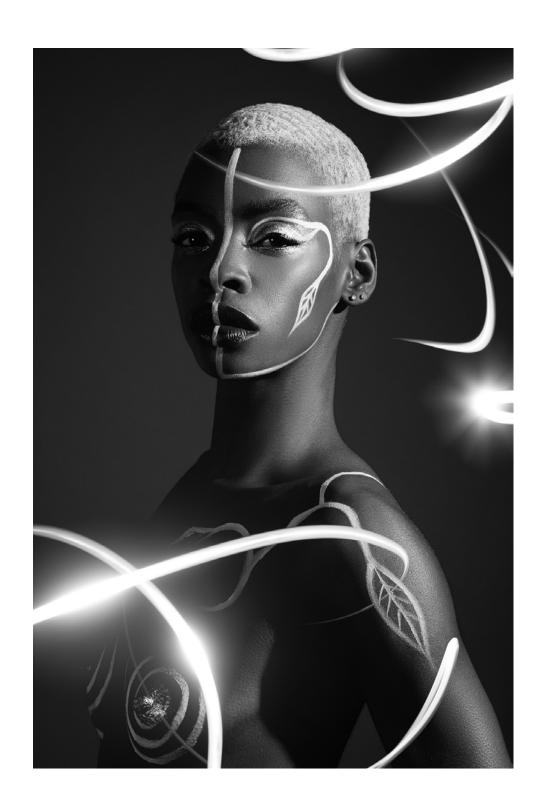
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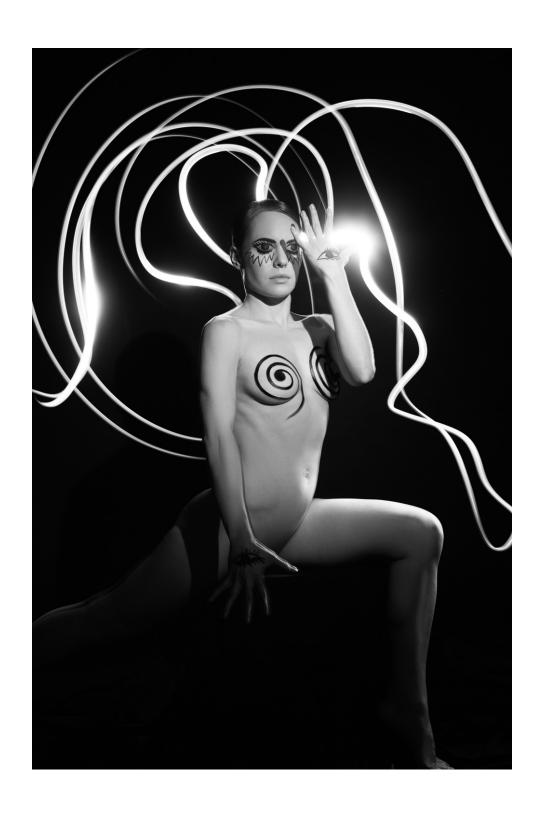
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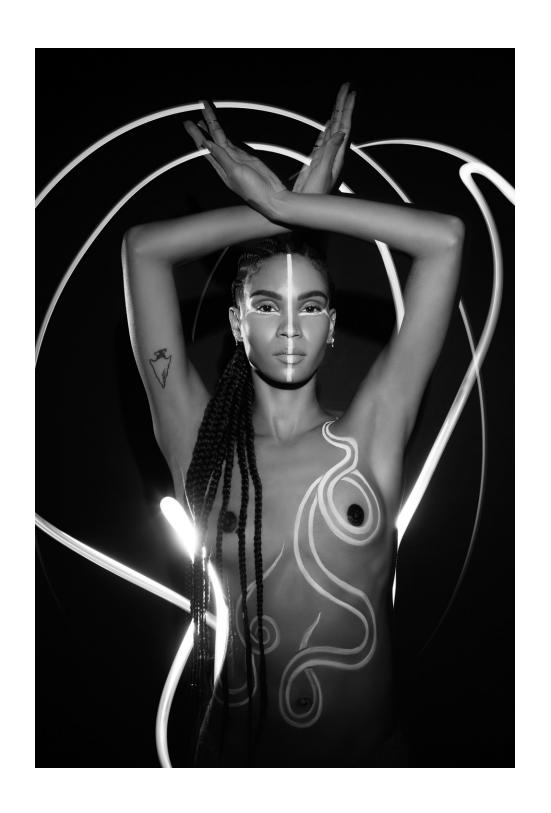
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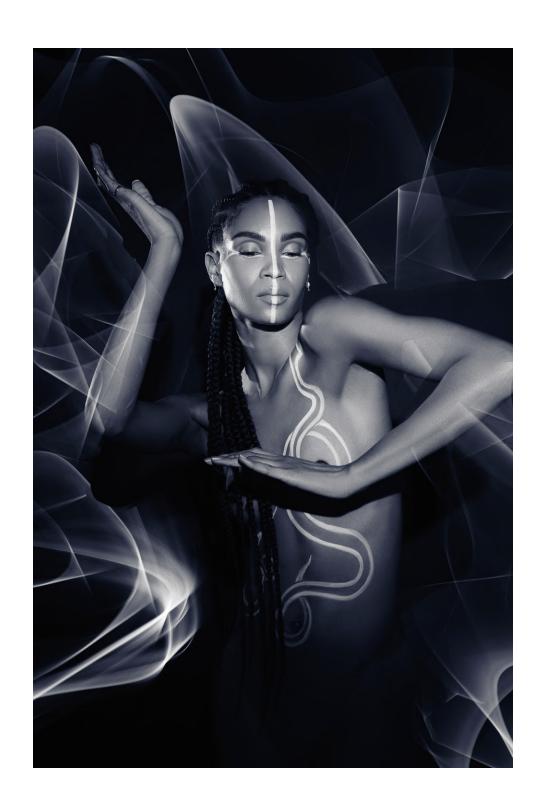
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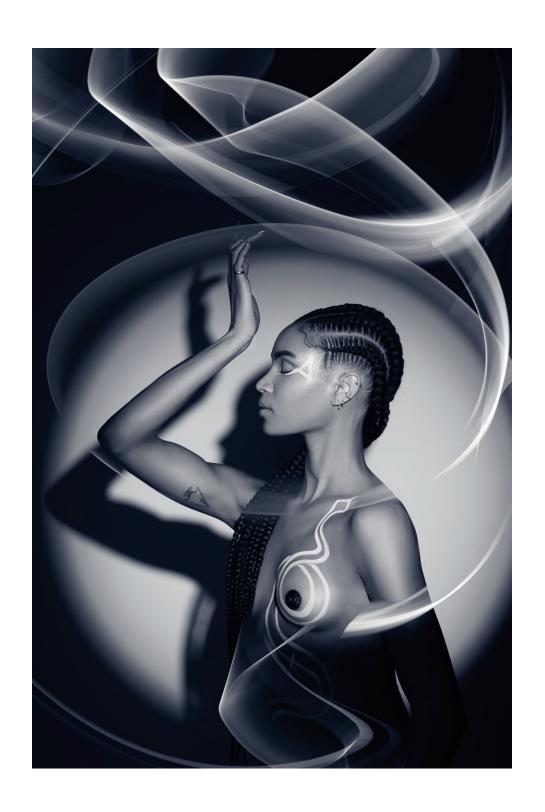
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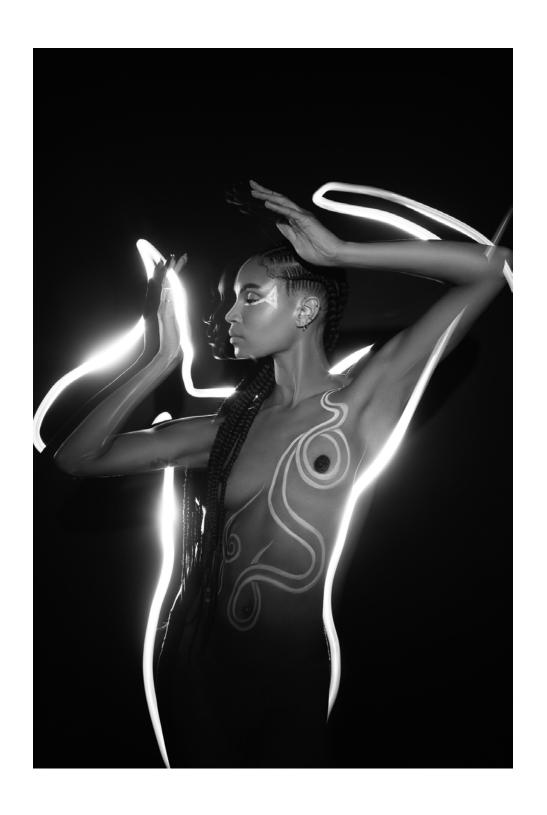


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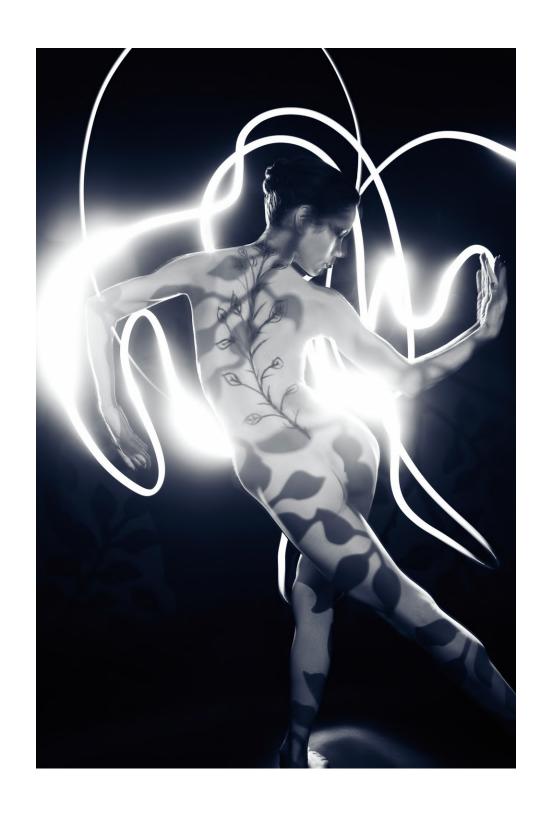
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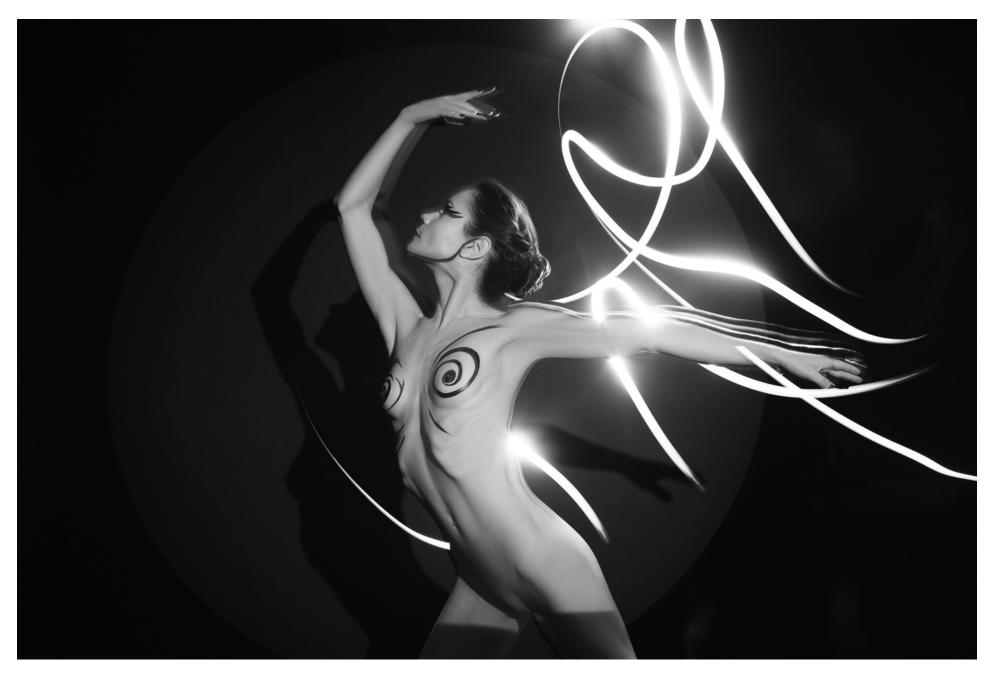
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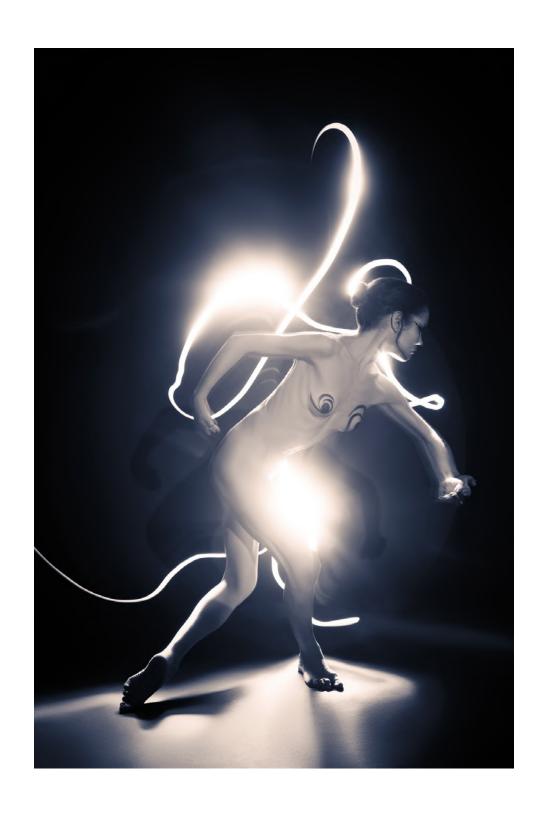
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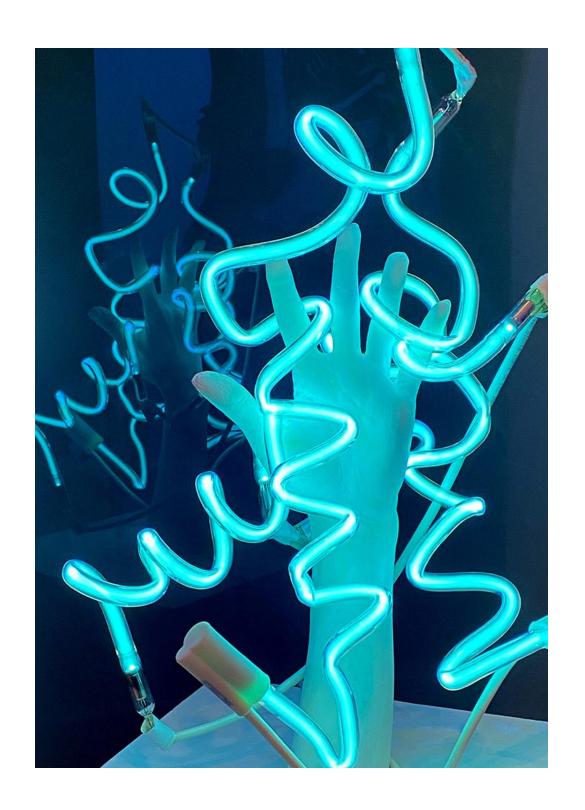




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LIFEFORCE (ENERGY), 2018
Glass Neon Light Sculpture Mounted on Resin Hand Sculptures,
Electrical Transformer
15" x 22" x 6"



Innovate, 2021
Glass Neon and Resin Sculpture
Mounted on Pedestal, Electrical Transformer
20 x 14 x 12in



WE ARE WATCHING (YOU), 2017
Plaster, cotton, steel, with glass and chrome base, with video art on iPad display 70" x 19" x 20"







Portrait of a Lady, 2018
Plasma Cut Welded Steel Sculpture
17.5 x 14 x 9in

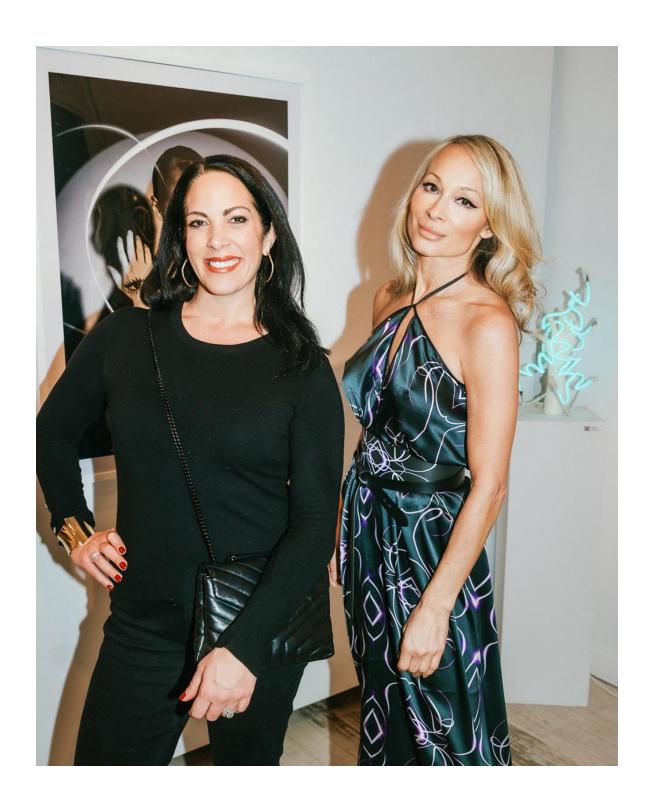


Mother Earth, 2018
Plasma Cut Welded Steel Sculpture
19" x 11" x 9"



Eve and The Serpent, 2019 3-D Printed Sculpture on Tempered Glass Cube  $10 \times 5 \times 5$ in









Indira Cesarine "LUMIÈRE" Solo Exhibition The Untitled Space x MakersPlace



Model Janine Tondu and Indira Cesarine Lumière Reception Canvas 3.0 Gallery



Indira Cesarine with White Wave Dance Company in The Lumière Collection

Lumière Reception

Canvas 3.0 Gallery



## **Artist Biography:**

Indira Cesarine is a multidisciplinary artist who works with photography, video, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. A graduate of Columbia University with a triple major in Art History, French, and Women's Studies, she additionally studied at Parsons School of Design, International Center of Photography, School of Visual Arts, New York Film Academy, and New York Academy of Art. Her career as an artist and photographer began at the age of sixteen with her first solo show at the Paul Mellon Arts Center. After graduating from university, she continued her career in London and Paris where she was commissioned by *British Vogue*, *GQ*, *Glamour*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Marie Claire*, Dior, Kenzo, and Cerruti, among many other international publications and brands. Cesarine has been featured internationally on TV shows and networks including E! TV, Entertainment Tonight, MTV, Inside Edition, and Make Me a Supermodel. Her work as a director has included music videos, documentary shorts, fashion, and video art films.

Cesarine's artwork has been featured internationally at many art galleries, museums, and art fairs, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Watermill Center, Hudson Valley MOCA, Mattatuck Museum, Albany Institute, CICA Museum, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, French Embassy Cultural Center, Art Basel Miami, SCOPE Art Fair, Cannes Film Festival, and SPRING/BREAK Art Show to name a few.

Cesarine's artwork has been featured in the public art space at Rockefeller Center, and on billboards in New York City in collaboration with SaveArtSpace. Her work has additionally been auctioned in many celebrated art benefits including at Sotheby's New York, ARTWALK NY, and for Gabrielle's Angel Foundation. She has been featured internationally in publications including American Vogue, Vogue Italia, The New York Times, Forbes, Newsweek, W Magazine, Harper's Bazaar, Dazed, New York Magazine, i-D Magazine, and The Huffington Post among many others.

Aside from her work as an artist, she is the founder and editor-in-chief of *The Untitled Magazine*, founder of Art4Equality, a non-profit initiative supporting equality in the arts, as well as founder of The Untitled Space art gallery. Empowering feminist themes are often a point of departure for her artwork, which is influenced by autobiographical content, her Latinx heritage, and women's history. She currently lives and works in Tribeca, New York.



## ABOUT MAKERS PLACE

https://www.makersplace.com

MakersPlace is the premier fine-art marketplace to discover and buy authentic digital art from the world's leading artists. Established in 2018, MakersPlace utilizes blockchain technology to facilitate the sale of authentic, original digital artwork, ensuring rarity and ownership for both creators and collectors. Aiming to enable a vibrant future for digital creativity, MakersPlace has set global benchmarks in the digital art realm, most notably with the historic sale of Beeple's Everydays: The First 5000 Days in partnership with Christie's auction house. With its commitment to supporting artists and championing creativity, MakersPlace continues to push the boundaries of what's possible in the world of digital art, providing a platform where artists and collectors can come together to explore, discover, and celebrate the limitless potential of the medium.

## **ABOUT CANVAS 3.0**

https://thecanvas.global

The Canvas 3.0 is a gallery and hub in the Oculus at the World Trade Center in New York City for Web 3.0 experiences in partnership with WHIM. With a focus on empowering independent creators, the space bridges digital and physical through events, activations, and installations aiming to make Web 3.0 accessible and open to all. The Canvas is a member of the United Nations Conscious Fashion and Lifestyle Network - a platform for industry stakeholders, media, Governments, and UN system entities to showcase collaborations that accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **ABOUT WHITE WAVE DANCE**

https://www.whitewavedance.org

Formed in 1988, WHITE WAVE Young Soon Kim Dance Company strives to inspire audiences through multi-dimensional dance productions reflecting themes and philosophies both modern and timeless. Our mission is to be a potent stimulus for change and expansion of the dance/arts world through the production of dance concerts, classes, residencies, and education.

Artistic Director Young Soon Kim is a recipient of the 2023 Bessies Angel Honoree Award, and is a nationally and internationally acclaimed choreographer, whose work has been hailed for its exhilarating, visually stunning, and emotionally rich phrases and textures.

Ms. Kim's vision is expansive, challenging the threshold of dance, music, theater and visual art, surging forward to create new possibilities. Ms. Kim creates works of vision and movement language in reverence and awe of novelty that challenge and broaden the boundaries of dance.



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